

Mrs. Therrell's Library December Newsletter

PreK-2nd Grades

To help us get in the Christmas spirit, we'll use the following texts this month: Elf on the Shelf, Memoirs of an Elf, How to Catch an Elf, How Santa Got His Job, How to Catch Santa, Santa Retires, Santa Cat, and Snowmen at Christmas. Engaging literacy centers will review the important themes learned from each text. We are striving to learn what is the true meaning of Christmas and understand the importance of having a giving heart at Christmas.

3rd-4th Grades

We are celebrating our reading of Stone Fox by creating Google Slides all about the book! Students are working hard to prove their knowledge of the characters, setting, problem, solution, and overall ideas by writing a summary. Each slide features images that connect to the text in students' opinions. We will enjoy yummy snacks before the holidays and celebrate by teaching others all about Stone Fox while we take turns presenting our Google Slides.

We are nearing the end of Top Secret in 4th grade. The ultimate question is will Allen pull it off? Can he prove to Miss Green and all his other critics that human photosynthesis can truly work?? Students are loving this text. The week before Christmas this group should be ready to try their hands at a Break Out activity centered on this text too. Will they break out? IF they think like scientists like our main character, Allen, then I think they will!

5th-6th Grades

Students are researching Christmas Around the World. They have chosen their countries and are delving deep as researchers to find out more about their country's traditions, decorations, food, and Santa Claus. We are striving to look for websites with quality information that we can trust, and we are pushing to use good research strategies along the way. After projects are complete, we'll celebrate with Christmas snacks before the holidays and presentations. I can't wait for us to learn from each other and compare and contrast so many different countries' Christmas customs.

Reading Fair Update

Stay tuned for exciting information about a SAFE way for our 2020-2021 Reading Fair to still take place! Mrs. Therrell is on a team of librarians who are planning for a Digital/Virtual Reading Fair, and she can't wait to share the news with you all soon!