



# Mrs. Therrell's Library News

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Happy New Year! We're off to a great start in 2023 in library! We've discussed Reading Fair in each class. Please return interest slips as soon as possible. Mrs. Therrell has a limited amount of storyboards that can help participating families with these projects. Be sure and join our PES Reading Fair Google Classroom for many resources, tips, and examples with this Code: gcyf5ps.

## PreK-2nd Grades

We are partnering with the Mississippi Children's Museum to read a variety of current children's literature in their Magnolia Book Award competition. This reading competition allows young readers to vote on their favorite book. After all Mississippi readers have had a chance to read and vote, the winner will be announced at the Children's Book Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi. We love knowing we are helping out new and upcoming authors by reading and voting. We'll read engaging books like Chick Chat, The Capybaras, Hans Christian Anderson: The Journey of Life, Hello Earth: Poems to our Planet, Peace, The Bear and the Duck, The Crow and the Peacock, The Last Tiger, and The True Story of Zippy Chippy: The Little Horse that Couldn't. After reading and discussing each text, students will participate in engaging literacy centers that integrate with story happenings.

## 3rd Grade

Our 3rd grade readers will also participate in the Magnolia Book Award reading and voting process with higher level challenges at literacy centers after read alouds. . Because we want to push as thinkers in library, this grade level will do a lot of writing to support their hands-on creations or explain their thinking behind projects created in this unit.

## 4th Grade

We recently wrapped up our reading of Top Secret, and students are completing our unit with a "break out" activity in small groups. Each group will have to figure out the lock code to get in based on textual evidence, and then clues await them to see who can be the first to break out of this summative reading project. Comprehension and vocabulary are assessed in this fun break out challenge. 4th Graders are already asking what chapter book we'll read next, so we may have a vote soon to see where our students want to go next in library.

Reading Fair Storyboards are due on February 23rd.

Judging will take place on February 24th.

## 5th-6th Grades

5th graders are helping us celebrate Black History Month by researching, writing, showcasing, and teaching us about a famous African American they look up to. Our model text was Let the Children March.

6th graders are helping us prepare to celebrate Presidents' Day by researching, writing, showcasing, and teaching us about a United States President of their choice. Our model text was So You Want to be President?

Research plan sheets will help with Google Slide creations, and our last part of the project involves students creating gameboards for us to enjoy in a Library Game Day all on their chosen person.