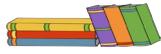




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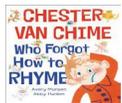
There are so many new books in the library with the receipt of a \$3,000 grant at the end of last year!



If you've read, "*The One and Only Bob*" or "*Ivan*" by Katherine Applegate, or love animal stories, pick this new book up and read it!



Jane Kuo's second book features Anna and her family after their first rocky year in America. "Taiwanese immigrant, Anna and her family make a shocking discovery that puts their American dreams at risk in this searing companion to *In the Beautiful Country*."



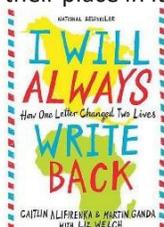
A Beehive nominee - "Mosen's clever text offers both lexical fun and an important lesson: "This too shall pass."

I Will Always Write Back

by Martin Ganda & Caitlin Alifirenka

Book Review by Lisa Cena

The true story of an all-American girl and a boy from an impoverished city in Zimbabwe and the letter that changed both of their lives forever. It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin's class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. All the other kids picked countries like France or Germany, but when Caitlin saw *Zimbabwe* written on the board, it sounded like the most exotic place she had ever heard of--so she chose it. Martin was lucky to even receive a pen pal letter. There were only ten letters, and forty kids in his class. But he was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives. In this true and compelling dual memoir, Caitlin and Martin recount how they became best friends -- and better people--through letters. Their story will inspire readers to look beyond their own lives and wonder about the world at large and their place in it.



A Perfect Mistake

By Melanie Conklin

Book Review by Beth Tanner

This Elementary Battle of the Books work by Melanie Conklin is an excellent read for upper elementary students and would make a fantastic read aloud/whole class read. The story follows eleven-year-old Max as he does his best to navigate his recent ADHD diagnosis, while also trying to uncover the details of a night that left his best friend in a coma. Being the tallest kid in class, working with a new therapist, and feeling responsible for his friend's hospitalization has made the start of the school year miserable for Max. Despite feeling outcast, he is determined to make things right for his friend. For fans of mystery, realistic fiction, Gordan Korman, and Erin Entrada Kelly, this book is a great way to showcase neurodiversity while engaging readers in fantastic storytelling. Find it in our school library and on SORA!



Helping Students Come Back After Summer Break

Tiffany Hall, Library Supervisor

The summer break is a time for students to relax, have fun, and recharge. However, this break can lead to "summer slide," where students experience a decline in their academic skills. Research indicates that students can lose up to two months' worth of grade-level reading skills during this period. This can have a lasting impact on a student's educational journey. The good news is that there are effective activities that can help students get back to school readiness.

One of the most effective ways to combat summer slide is to encourage reading. Reading is a great daily habit! Students who visit the library and find books that are interesting and fun for them to read tend to read more. It doesn't matter if it's a great literary work or the newest book in a student's favorite funny series--when it's for fun, all reading is good reading. If you have a student who is struggling to find something they like to read, let your school librarian know--they can help!

Thank you for everything you do to make each year start with joy and support students in being happy and successful.

*This news is brought to you by your Library Technology Teacher! **Rachelle Park** is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to discuss these exciting topics, help support your curriculum and collaborate on lessons. Come visit me in the library!*