



Mrs. Therrell's Library News

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I hope all of our PES readers have a VERY merry and bright time at home with families. Please don't forget our students have great options for Ebooks over the Christmas break. Click this link for great options and user names/passwords: <https://pue.rcsd.ms/resources/library/non-magnolia-databases>

PreK-2nd Grades

We are going to get in the Christmas spirit with entertaining texts like Turkey Claus, Only YOU Can Save Christmas, Santa Post, How to Catch Santa, How to Catch an Elf, Santa Trap, There's an Elf in Your Book, and How Santa Got His Job. We'll use a variety of reading strategies with these texts including comparing/contrasting and making inferences, and we'll also use our Dash, the Robot, to help us learn more about Christmas Around the World. In addition, students will participate in literacy centers that involve us reading, writing, designing, creating, and building centered around our read aloud texts. It's going to be a busy month, but I know our hardworking elves are up for the challenge.

3rd Grade

We are continuing our reading of the historical fiction text, Stone Fox. Students are loving stepping back into time and putting themselves in the shoes of Willy. We are on the last few chapters, and the race has just started! We will jump into creating our own dog sleds using STEM materials to "race it out" in library. Students will also participate in an engaging, break out to prove their knowledge of the book. We'll also have literacy rich centers integrated with our read alouds each week.

4th Grade

Students are loving our science fiction text, Top Secret, and the efforts Allen is taking to prove human photosynthesis is possible. So far, he's done the hard part. He found the way, but it turns out proving to everyone else that he's done it is even harder. How do you PROVE something to someone? Allen has a tough job as a scientist, but we think he can do it because he has shown determination throughout the whole text. Students will participate in a break out using a toolbox and number lock to prove their understanding of the book after reading. Literacy rich center activities integrate with our reading each week.

5th-6th Grades

5th and 6th graders are jumping into a unit using our Sphero Bolt Robots in which we'll read the text, Balloons Over Broadway to learn of how the first floats were designed for the Macy's Day Thanksgiving Parade years ago. We'll analyze floats from the past to present before students work in small groups to design their own "floats" for their Sphero Bolts. After the holidays, we'll have a Welcome Back to School New Year's Parade after learning important driving/coding skills.