

Elementary Library Newsletter

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You can translate our Elementary Library Newsletter into any language. Just follow the two steps pictured below!

Puede traducir nuestro Boletín de la Biblioteca de Primaria a cualquier idioma. ¡Simplemente siga los dos pasos que se muestran a continuación!

Koj tuaj yeem txhais peb Cov Ntawv Xov Xwm Hauv Tsev Kawm Qiv Ntawv mus rau txhua hom lus. Tsuas yog ua raws li ob kauj ruam hauv qab no!

THE POWER OF CHOICE

In the library, we strive to let the kids have the power of choice. It can be frustrating when your child brings home a book that is too too easy or too difficult for them, but they are learning!

Here are some possible outcomes of students choosing their own books:

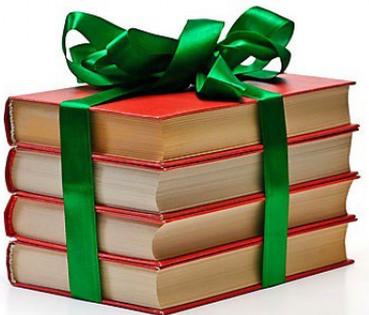
- *The book might be too difficult for the child to read, but they love when you read it aloud to them
- *They may learn to open the books and look at the text to decide if a book is a good fit for them
- *When a book is chosen for its pictures it reinforces the skill of pairing picture and text to absorb information, even if they cannot read the text
- *They may learn that carrying around the largest, biggest book in the library isn't as fun as they thought it might be

*They may learn to stretch their imagination by making up their own stories based on what they see in the pictures

*They may try harder to read the difficult text because they have such an interest in the pictures, topic, or genre

If, after repeated tries, your child is still struggling with finding a good fit book, there are things we can do to help further guide them!

1. Non-fiction books that have a pink dot on them are geared for K-2 reading levels and books without a pink dot on them are geared for 3-5 reading levels
2. Chapter books with an early chapter book sticker on them are geared for reading levels K-2, while books without that sticker are geared for reading levels 3-5
3. Leveled readers all have a neon green sticker on them and are geared for beginning readers
4. Chapter books have a genre sticker on them, which can help the student pick out something they are more inclined to find interesting
5. If you consented to your child having library technology, they could check out the physical book and the audio book and read/listen at the same time
6. Reach out to your friendly librarian



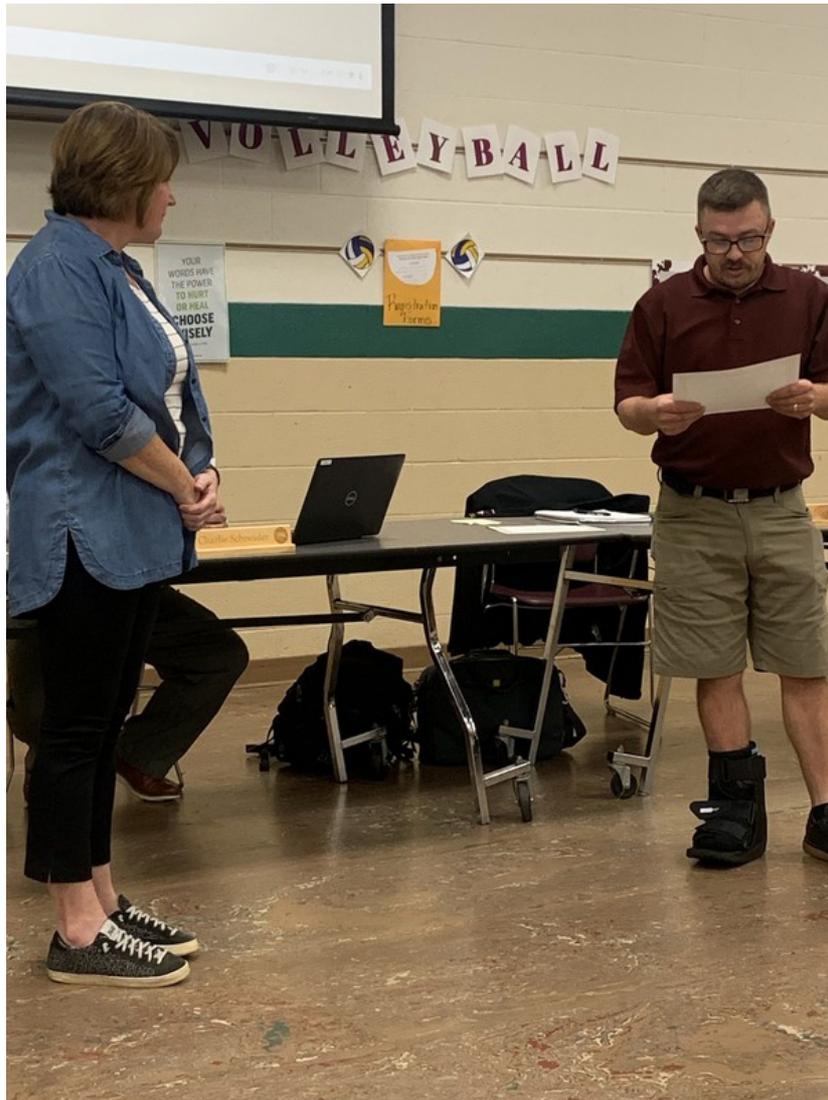
BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

If your family celebrates the holidays by giving gifts, consider adding books to the list! Whether your child is a reluctant reader or a voracious one, consider giving them a gift card to a bookstore or let them buy a magazine subscription. This way, your child gets to decide what they want and you have a child who is reading for fun!

MRS. ANNE OLSON WON AN AWARD

At the October 24th board meeting, Mrs. Olson, librarian at River Heights was given a commendation! So many good things were said about her it wouldn't all fit on her certificate! It read, "Anne is a wonderful part of the River Heights library. She works as LMC clerical and is described as 'all around amazing'! She is always going above and beyond to build special relationships with kids, boosting their social emotional skills. Anne has made the library a welcoming place and she covers classrooms and duties whenever asked."

Mrs. Olson is very appreciated at River Heights for making school a great place to be and the district is fortunate to have her!



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS REMINDER

If your child is competing in Battle of the Books this year, please encourage them to continue reading over winter break. There are 20 books on the list, and I encourage them to read as many as possible. All groups will begin practicing in January, and some groups may even start their battles.

If you would like a copy of practice questions, just email me and let me know. I will also be emailing copies to the classroom teacher.



OAKLAWN AND KNAPP STARTED A BOOKWORMS CLUB

Mrs. Schemenauer at Oaklawn and Mrs. Kellogg at Knapp have both started a student centered club in the library! The students get to participate in library tasks, learn to shelve books, preview

new books, and do different activities. They learn responsibility, cooperation, and get to be library role-models all while earning prizes. So fun!



Mrs. Schemenauer is helping the first couple Bookworms to arrive get all checked in!

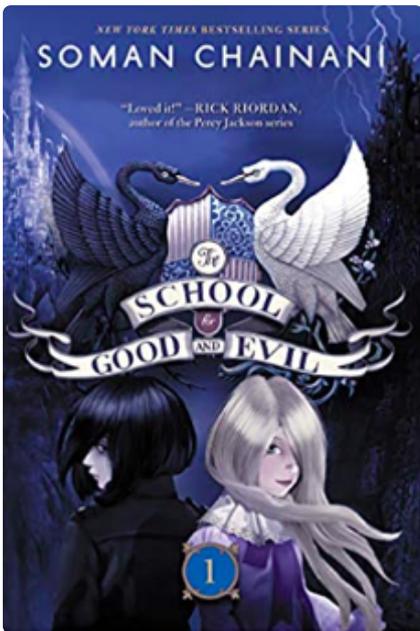


These two at Knapp are helping Mrs. Kellogg take down a bulletin board.



These two students at Oaklawn are going through the cart, finding books to put away.

READ THE BOOK, WATCH A SHOW



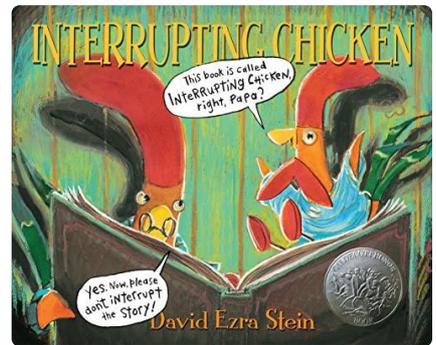
SCHOOL FOR GOOD AND EVIL SERIES

This series is geared towards the upper grades. There are several thick books in this series with more difficult text. Students who love fantasy books may love this series! After reading book 1, watch the movie on Netflix! Then read the



COOKBOOKS

These have become so popular! If you are doing any holiday baking, have your child check out a cookbook from the library! As a treat, follow it up by watching *Waffles and Mochi's Restaurant* on Netflix.



INTERRUPTING CHICKEN

This picture book series makes for a hilarious read-aloud. Enjoy reading these with your family (we have multiple copies in our district) and then enjoy streaming the new show *Interrupting Chicken* on Apple TV.

because those will probably be made into movies, too!

DRESS UP DAY

It was camouflage/hunting dress up day at Downsville and Mrs. Kellogg as the Book Fairy didn't disappoint. They all look so happy!!!



WINTER BREAK

The library staff wishes you and your family a happy holiday season. We can't wait to see you all (safe, happy, and healthy) after the break!

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