



Kindergarten

It may be cold outside, but inside the library, kindergarten students are enjoying cold-weather adventures in warmth and comfort. *Snow Friends* by Christina Butler inspires us to **cooperate**. Two books by Helen Lester, *Tacky the Penguin* and *Listen, Buddy* model the importance of **listening** and of valuing one another's **uniqueness**. *Littlest Wolf* by Larry Dane Brimner encourages children to **do their best**. *Got to Get to Bear's* by Brian Lies stresses the importance of **friendship**, and *The Spiffiest Giant in Town* by Julia Donaldson highlights **kindness**.

2nd Grade

Students continue to listen to and discuss books of various genres (all with a "bear" theme). They are learning the call #'s associated with each genre, and are developing their skills in locating books on the shelves. In addition, students are demonstrating creativity as they represent their knowledge of genre characteristics in unique ways.

4th Grade

The first 5 Character Connections words have been explored via biographies. Now, the last five words (Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Trustworthiness and Integrity) will be explored through fictional stories. Students will then choose a word and create an original visual representation (using a medium of their choice) to demonstrate their understanding.

1st Grade

Students recently completed a research unit in which they were paired up to find out about a planet, the sun, or stars. During their "Space" research, they learned important lessons in cooperation and in crediting sources of information. Now that they have had practice accessing the valuable database "PebbleGo", they will be "traveling" to various countries such as Peru, Japan, China, India, and England, over the next weeks as they learn facts about the settings for the stories we are reading.

3rd Grade

Students are researchers and "wonderers" as they continue finding out information on a topic of their choice, and composing a "wonder" after writing facts in their own words. They are learning the important truth that curiosity = life-long learning. Students are accessing various digital sources, as well as giving credit to those sources via citations. Soon they will begin a brief exploration of folk literature (found in the 398.2 section of the library) in preparation for the visit from storytellers Martha Hamilton & Mitch Weiss.

5th Grade

Inspirational picture book biographies we are reading in the winter include *John Ronald's Dragons: The Story of J.R.R. Tolkien* by Caroline McAlister, *Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly was Invented* by Tanya Lee Stone, and *Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine* by Laurie Wallmark. Students showcased their research, and will create Battle Shields with their assigned Team members.

Two key elements that all these lessons have in common is the promotion of good citizenship (including Digital Citizenship) as well as Social Emotional Learning. SEL is at the heart of all stories, research, and other skill-building activities as students learn about themselves, others, and the world.