

Home Literacy Link



From the Libby Tozier Literacy Committee

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Reading Challenge

Don't forget to send us a picture of your child reading at home! We'd love to add it to the bulletin board!

From Our Literacy Coach, Mrs. Mathieu!

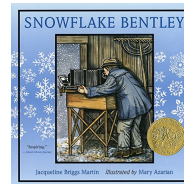
Reading aloud to children is an essential part of building crucial literacy skills from preschool all the way to middle school. Reading aloud is a fun and effective way to connect with kids. Turn this page over to see 7 helpful tips for reading aloud!



What Are We Reading?



Mrs. Woodard (grade pre-K) recommends: *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. This fun book is about a family going on a hunt for a bear while overcoming different obstacles on each page! This fantastic book is a fun way for families to read, sing, and move at the same time!



Mrs. Merrifield (grade 1) recommends: *Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin! Learn all about snowflakes with Wilson Bentley! He started taking photographs during snowstorms as a boy to share with others!



Mrs. Dalessandro (grade 2) recommends: *Amber Brown is Not a Crayon* by Paula Danziger. Amber Brown's very best friend, Justin, finds out that he is moving away. This is a special story about going through a tough time and what it means to be a friend.

7 Helpful Tips for Reading Aloud...

- Let the child pick the book!
- Don't be afraid of wordless picture books! Ask questions such as: "What do you think is happening here?" "Why do you think that?"
- Start small...grow a child's attention span with short, easy to follow stories!
- Be creative with your voice! Change your voice to match the character's feelings and situations.
- Read it again and again and again! Doing so will build a child's reading comprehension and language skills.
- Read aloud to your older child/children too! They can sometimes listen on a higher level than they can read.
- Explain new words to build vocabulary!

Happy Reading!