



LIBRARY NEWS

Collaborating with teachers is one of my most important goals. Everything I teach in the library relates back to what is being taught in each classroom. Here are some of the details about what your child has been and will be learning during the Winter of 2015:

Kindergarten: Every Wednesday, I have the opportunity to see each Kindergarten class on a rotating basis. We read many stories based on topics they are learning about at the time. This Winter, along with 2nd grade, we will be participating in the North Carolina Children's Book Award project (see information below with 2nd grade).

1st grade: During December, we started to learn about the idea and process of research. In Grades 1-2, I teach all students about how to research using the "Super 3" research process. The steps of this process are: Plan, Do, and Review. Each student was paired up and given one Nocturnal Animal to research. Animals ranged from the beaver to the skunk. During January, we will finish our research and then present our research results. Each pair will complete an oral presentation of the facts found during their research. Next, we will move on to learning more about how to research while studying plants. We will also use the Internet as a resource.

2nd grade: This Winter, we will be participating in the 2015 North Carolina Children's Book Award. This award is given each year to one book based on the votes of children in NC. There are twelve books on the ballot each year. The books that appear on the ballot are also recommended by children in NC. The NC Library Association counts the votes that are submitted and determines the winner – majority wins! After reading each story, we will cover many topics such as, cause and effect shown in books and making predictions in the story. We also relate each story to the 7 *Habits* and how the characters were showing (or sometimes not showing) a specific *Habit*. The winner will be announced in May 2015.

3rd grade: Starting in 3rd grade, I begin to teach a more advanced research process called the "Big 6" (both the "Super 3" and the "Big 6" were created by Michael Eisenberg and Bob Berkowitz). This research process gives students a logical approach to research and will help them become a successful researcher in their educational career. In winter, we will be researching Famous People using Biographical resources such as, books, the Encyclopedia, and the Internet. Once our research is complete we will be creating a video talking about our

Famous Person so everyone in the class can learn about people who have impacted our lives and society in positive ways.

4th grade: Before the holiday break, we started learning about Mythology. The topic of Myths is a part of the new Common Core curriculum. As we read popular myths, my goal is to introduce students to common phrases, characters, and names contained in Myths that we still hear today. After our Mythology unit, we will move on to a research unit.

5th grade: We just finished a “Big6” research unit on Colonial America. This project gave 5th graders some great background knowledge of Colonial times before they are visited by Camp Flintlock, a group that will come to our school and show the students what it was like to live in the 18th century. We are now learning how to create a Bibliography on our research using an online tool called easybib.com. We will then move on to another researching unit on Weather.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our Annual Winter Literacy Night will be held on **Tuesday, January 27th** from 6:00-7:30pm. Special activities will be in the gym where parents can learn how to help their child at home in the area of literacy. We will have special readers in the Library starting at 6pm – hot chocolate and cookies will also be served in the cafeteria.

April 27 to May 1st is our Spring Book Fair! If you would like to volunteer, please let me know.

NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS around Hazelwood

- Reader Leaders – Each week a student will come on our Morning News program and recommend a book.
- Student Ambassadors – these students give tours of our school to our Community Leaders who visit, to new students, or to visitors.
- Student Readers – Two students have been chosen to read a story along with our special guest readers for Literacy Night on January 27th. Faith in 4th grade and Zadie in 1st grade will be our special Student Readers.
- Morning Greeters – Every morning two students will greet students, staff, and parents coming in the doors of Hazelwood.

ELEMENTARY BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Our EBOB team is going strong. This will be our 4th year competing in our county-wide competition. Everyone on the team is working hard to be the best prepared team to defend our title from last year. Our team of dedicated students meets before school, after school once a week, and during their lunches.

PARENT LIBRARY CARDS

Did you know you can get a Parent Library card for the Hazelwood Library? Please come into the Library (Library Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30-3:30) and your card can be made in a flash. It will be saved on our Library catalog – no card needed.

Did you also know we have a Parent Collection in our Library filled with great books on parenting, discipline, helping your child learn, child behavior, and many more topics to help you be a better parent and help your child thrive.

I welcome your comments. Please email me at cclarke@haywood.k12.nc.us
Happy Winter!

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