



LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY

January and February 2022

USED BOOK SALE

The school will host a Used Book Sale in mid-February. All books will be 50 cents. Money raised will be used to purchase new books and materials for the library. If you have books you'd like to donate to the school, they can be dropped off at the front desk.

BOOKMOBILE



The Bookmobile will hopefully be returning to school in February. The outreach librarians will be at school on January 18 with any holds and a small selection of materials for students to check out. Please keep an eye out on Remind for more bookmobile updates including the February schedule. <https://www.remind.com/join/amsterdaml>



TREASURE STATE AWARD

During the next few weeks, students in Kindergarten thru 3/4 will participate in the Treasure State Award review process. The Treasure State Award is a honor given to a books based solely on the votes of Montana students in grades K-3. Every year since 1991, five books have been nominated and reviewed by Montana children. The award is overseen by the Montana State Literacy Association and is a favorite unit of students and teacher librarians across the state.

KINDER – SECOND

In Library, students will listen to and review the nominees for this year's Treasure State Award. Kindergartners have already started their reviews. The first grade will wrap up a unit of Jan Brett stories before they begin enjoying the nominated books. Second grade will begin their critiques after learning more about what it takes to be an award-winning book by engaging with Caldecott award and honor books.

During Technology, kindergartens will continue to develop their skills with Google Tools. First and second graders are building their early programming skills and enjoying the coding challenges.

THIRD AND 3/4

Treasure State Award nominee books will be reviewed by both the third-grade class and the 3/4 class. They are judging the books on several traits including pictures, word choice, author style, and reading enjoyment.

Third-grade students will continue their coding journey for a few more weeks before jumping back into typing for a bit.

3/4 students are going off on an adventure to three National Parks in a unit that focuses on developing spreadsheet skills. They will be tracking the prices of flights, car rentals, lodging, food, and activities to create a total budget for their journey.

FOURTH

During Library class, fourth-grade students will be diving deeper into the library classification systems as they review the Dewey Decimal system and explore the different genres of the library.

Redesigning a ski resort will be the main focus in Technology as the students slide into a project-based learning experience. During this project they will use develop a business proposal, design logos and advertising, and track expenses.

FIFTH

Fifth-grade students will be examining things from different perspectives as we launch into a unit on points-of-view. We begin by looking at fractured fairy tales told from unusual perspectives and compare them to the more well-known versions. Then students will apply their gained knowledge to a real-world problem in Montana, grizzly bears.

In Technology, the students will wrap up a new coding challenge on Tynker and then build up their keyboarding skills for a few weeks.

SIXTH

Sixth-grade students will conclude their world travel in January with a final stop: Europe. They are now masters at finding flights, hotels, and excursions. They can use a spreadsheet to track, calculate, and visualize those expenses. They've also created a website "blog" about their travels with a different page for each continent they visited. As they return from their travels, they will be focusing on creating seals and biographies for the yearbook and then it is their turn for some bigger coding challenges.