

## FROM THE LIBRARY...

Several students have overdue library books. Parents, please help your student locate these books. It is a great privilege to be able to borrow books, but we should encourage responsibility in returning them...on time and in the condition in which they were checked out. I appreciate your assistance.



The last day for check out is Tuesday, May 6th with a due date of the following Tuesday, May 13th.

### Jr. High Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students for completing the library genre challenge:

Eliza Atkinson (6th)

Drew Grey (7th)

Daniel Henrikson (8th)

Anna Grey (6th)

Kelly Van Den Bussche (7th)

Claudette Rosario (8th)



We will be celebrating tomorrow with lunch at Monical's. Students have earned a prize along the way for each genre from which they read. Tomorrow they will receive the final prize, a book selected especially for them.

### Fourth Grade Caldecott Readers

A couple of months ago in fourth grade we took some time to look at this year's Caldecott medal winner and honor books. The students voted on which book they thought had won and which book they would have chosen to win(their favorite). Mr Wuffles! by David Wiesner was the class favorite. This book actually received an honor award. The book receiving this year's medal was Locomotive by Brian Floca. A couple of students were able to accurately selected this as the medal winner.



I have challenged the students to check out, read and evaluate past Caldecott winners each week until the end of the year. Students who participate and turn in their evaluation sheets on time receive a small prize, with students participating every week receiving a larger prize at the end of the year.

### National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month. We have really been enjoying poetry the elementary grades. Many of the students have excitedly checked out books of poetry, which is wonderful. We are blessed to have such a great selection. I added a couple of new books to our collection this year:



Our Farm; By the Animals of Farm Sanctuary  
by Maya Gottfried



Good Sports  
by Jack Prelutsky

Seventh and Eight grade students are busy writing book spine poetry. Be on the lookout for their exciting, creative work!

## **Birthday Books**



Thank you, Corwin Murray (K), for the gift of Ducks Don't Wear Socks by John Nedwidek. Corwin donated this book, which is one of his favorites in honor of his summer birthday. It's a very funny book that gave all of us a good laugh.

Samantha celebrated her birthday in March and donated Still More Stories from Grandma's Attic by Arleta Richardson. Samantha and her mom have been enjoying the first book in the series. We are so thankful for the addition to the series.



Heart of a Shepherd by Rosanne Parry was donated in honor of Wesley Baker's (6th) March birthday. This book was a 2012 Rebecca Caudill nominee. (Books selected as outstanding by Illinois students in grades 4-8.)

*"Heart of a Shepherd by Rosanne Parry reveals the heart of today's ranching communities and the values that keep those communities together: the importance of family, the church, love of and service to our country, and neighbors pulling together during times of crisis. Along the way Brother finds out what's most important to him, and how to find his own path while honoring his family members' commitments."* -review by Cindy Hudson, motherdaughterbookclub.com



Brooke Clausen (1st) just celebrated a birthday. Sitting Duck by Jackie Urbanovic was donated in honor of this special gal's day! The first graders enjoyed the reading of this silly tale about a duck and a dog babysitting a very frisky pup. Whatever could go wrong?



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