



FROM THE LIBRARY...

I always enjoy Christmas time in the library. There are such wonderful books with the most beautiful illustrations telling the story of our Savior's birth or reflecting on the spirit of Christmas. Last week we read 10 Minutes to Showtime by Tricia Goyer and illustrated by Maryn Ross in the spirit of preparing for our own Christmas show last Friday evening. ...and what a show that was!! Nice work students! What a way to honor the Lord!

Our Junior High genre reading challenge is off to a great start. Eight students so far have read and earned prizes. Many more are reading, working toward the final goal of a book and a party. I know they can do it!

Birthday Books

Thank you, Ivy Brown (8th Grade) for the birthday books. She donated all four books in the Katy Lambright series by Kim Vogel Sawyer. This series is about a girl, Katy, who after permission from the elders of her small Mennonite community, decides to attend the public high school. Readers experience the struggles and joy along with Katy through to the last book when she decides where she really belongs. These books make a great new addition to our Jr. High section.



Miss Luft (2nd Grade) also celebrated a birthday and donated a book- The Gift of the Christmas Cookie: Sharing the True Meaning of Jesus' Gift by Dandi Daley Mackall. In this story a young boy, Jack, uses a cookie to teach a homeless man about Christ. Thank you, Miss Luft!



Happy Birthday and thank you, Kelsea Klingenberg (1st Grade)! Kelsea donated Saige (an American Girl book) in honor of her birthday. Saige is a girl who enjoys art, her favorite class in school. When it is in jeopardy of being cut, she takes on a fairly large fundraiser. Readers will connect with Saige's passion for something she enjoys as well as the struggles she has in her relationships.



Thank you all so much! What a blessing to our library and to all of our readers! Parents, if your child has a summer birthday, consider donating in honor on a half birthday. One mother is doing just that next week. I really appreciate the heads up with the book. A week's notice is good. That way I have time to process the book and have it ready for the child's library time the week of the birthday- and especially if you want it to be a surprise. Please also discuss the book with me ahead of time. ...And do not ever let money be the reason you do not honor your child with a donation. We can work something out! What generous hearts you have!

The Parent's Corner

Below is a link to another blog similar to the others I have recently shared. This one begins by addressing the fact that our culture has replaced the "C" in Christmas from Christ to consumerism. It moves on to challenge us to ask ourselves, "How are we presenting the Gospel to our children?" And, are we just teaching our children to believe in Jesus or to be followers of Jesus? Check it out!

<http://forthefamily.org/selling-jesus-to-our-kids/>

