

2016 Library News

December 15: We have been reading away here in the STA library. Pre-K is enjoying stories about waiting, snow and Baby Jesus. Kindergarten is learning about baby animals and how they change in the first year of life. Ask them how big a baby panda is when it is born! First grade is reading stories about how people and places change. Second grade is still enjoying folk tales from around the world. This is especially fun at Christmastime. Third grade loved the story we read to complement their novel study. Fourth grade is laughing out loud at our realistic fiction story. Ask them about the war between the girls and the boys. Finally, fifth grade is enjoying selections from the short story genre.

December 8: We just celebrated Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. STA students sure do know how to rejoice in song! What joy! It is always nice to spend this season reading stories about the birth of Jesus. Waiting, giving, and hoping are our themes!

December 1: Happy Advent! The library is full of busy reading elves! Kindergarten is learning and reading all about animal homes and people homes while first graders compare insect communities to human communities. Second graders know so much about Native American tribes, so we have been reading legends and folklore from that tradition. Third grade began a new short novel today that complements

their novel studies characters. Fourth grade is loving the first book in [The Boys Against the Girls](#) series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Finally, our fifth graders are enjoying all sorts of different short stories. Today we were figurative language detectives as we read.

November 14: It has been a busy week in the STA library! Here is a list of the top ten books checked out recently.

[My Weird School](#)

[Mother Daughter Book Club](#)

[Land of Stories](#)

[100 Most series](#)

[Mr. Putter and Tabby Cat](#)

[Magic Tree House](#)

[any graphic novel](#)

[Jake Maddox series](#)

[Percy Jackson series](#)

[13, 26, 39 Story Treehouse](#)

October 31: What fun we have had this week in the library! Kindergarten read books about how to be nature spies, looking closely at the living things. First grade discussed and read books about people who make our neighborhoods nice places to live. Second grade loved ghostly tales from Texas and New England, while third grade listened to the exciting ending of *Chocolate Fever*. Fourth grade listened intently to a great book about a parents against the kids "war" on discipline. Do kids think about how it feels to be a parent, how much they worry? And do parents think about what it was like to be a kid? We had a great discussion. Fifth grade enjoyed a short story that complements their new novel study theme:

survival. **October 27:** Our first book club met this week. What a joy! We read the book, *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup* by Sharon Creech. It is a wonderful story about friendship, cooking and the wisdom of grandparents. One student said, "This book taught a lesson. It taught me that I need to look at the big picture and not get upset by the small stuff." A great lesson for all of us.

October 18: This is the first full week back in the library. We even rescheduled Monday's afternoon classes to make that happen! We are reading great books and learning great things. Today in third grade, there was a cheer when I turned the page to start a new chapter in the novel we are reading. It is not only exciting, but chock full of great discussion topics like, appreciating our differences, treating each other with kindness and holding each other accountable for our decisions.

September 26: What a great week for books and reading! The fall book fair was a huge hit! Thank you to all the parent volunteers! It couldn't happen without you. Today, I am happy to be planning my lessons and getting ready to be back in the library on Monday!

September 21: What fun! Today we used the new SmartTV in the library to watch a video about chocolate. We can access this website and all sorts of other relevant material. It is so new and exciting! Stop by at curriculum night and check it out!

September 14th: We had a beautiful

celebration at Mass! It is going to be a great year! It already is in the STA library. Children are reading and enjoying all sorts of books. The Pre-K students are getting settled and sitting so beautifully for their library time. Kindergarten is learning how to "choose the just-right book, like *Goldilocks*. First grade read books about the difference between Kindergarten and first grade. Second grade is ready to begin traveling around the United States with folk tales and fairy tales. What fun! Third grade has started pre-reading for the great short novel, [Chocolate Fever! Can you ever have too much of a good thing?](#) This year fourth grade is reading some great short stories in their reading series. We are reading picture books to complement those themes. And fifth grade began their first novel study, so our library read alouds have been focusing on the themes from that book! Good reading skills are built on connections. And WOW!, your students can really dig deep to find them!

September 7th: It has been a great start here at the STA library! All of the classes have visited at least once and some friends are lucky enough to have been in twice. It is always fun to check out new books. Everything we read aloud during library complements the work the students are doing in the classroom. First though, we are reading books about and discussing how to treat our library books.

August 26th: Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! It is going to be filled

with fun, friends, learning and lots of great books. The new Connecticut Nutmeg Nominees are diverse and wonderful and ready to be checked out at our library. Check out the Nutmeg page for details on the books. We also have some new nonfiction books, Rick Riordan titles, sports fiction, a recommended princess series and more. Plus, check out the new graphic novels - a whole new way to enjoy fiction!