

Saint John the Baptist Library News

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Used Book Sale

We will be having a used book sale at the end of April. This is a good time of the year to clean off your bookshelves. Please consider donating your books to our school. Drop your books off at the library or office by Friday, April 15th.



Library Curriculum Preschool

This past month I introduced wordless books to the students. Wordless books promote language development and imaginative thinking. Students created oral story line for their books. The students did a wonderful job of creating dialogue for their books. It is apparent that parents are spending quality time reading with their preschoolers. Two of their favorite wordless books were Dinosaur by Peter Sis and 10 Minutes till Bedtime by Peggy Rathmann.

Currently, we are working on books that promote number recognition. We have completed several activities that incorporate learning with numbers. This has included number poetry, rhymes and hand and body movements. Jack the Builder and Henry the Fourth both by Stuart J. Murphy were two of their favorite books dealing with number concepts. Murphy does an excellent job of incorporating math into picture books.

Grades K-3rd

Last month we worked on these library skills:

Kindergarten: We worked on ABC order and practiced putting picture books in order by author's last name. They learned about the jobs of the author and the illustrator, and that sometimes this is the same person.

1st grade: They learned the parts of the book including author, illustrator, and copyright. They also learned about the author's call number. They practiced

locating fiction books by the author's last name.

2nd grade: They reviewed the parts of the book. They learned the difference

between fiction and non-fiction. The students practiced locating fiction and non-fiction books in the library.

3rd grade: The students reviewed the

difference between fiction and non-fiction books. They learned about the Dewey



Grades 4th-6th

Recently we completed two studies on these authors:

Mary Downing Hahn is a writer of the mystery genre. Hahn was a children's librarian before she decided to write her first book at age 41. Some of her books are Deep, Dark and Dangerous, Wait Till Helen Comes and Closed for the Season. The students wrote their own mysteries.

Jerry Spinelli is an author of contemporary realistic fiction. Spinelli wrote an autobiography on himself titled Knots in my Yo Yo String. His wife Eileen Spinelli is a well-known author and illustrator of children's picture books. Jerry Spinelli is the recipient of the Newberry Medal for his book Maniac Magee. Other popular books by Spinelli include Crash, Stargirl, and Loser. His books tend to



Haiti

Our school service project involves helping the people of Haiti who are still struggling from the effects of the 2009 earthquake.

Over the next few weeks students will be learning about Haiti. They will learn about the following areas of Haiti:

land, climate, history, recreation, daily living, animals, religion, industry, agriculture, and the earthquake

They will be hearing stories from Haiti. Some of the books they will be introduced to are:

Tap, Tap by Karen Lynn Williams, a book about transportation in Haiti

Selavi: A Haitian Story of Hope by Youme, a book about the homeless children in Haiti

Running the Road to ABC by Denize Lauture, a book about school in Haiti

Eight Days: A Story of Haiti by Edwidge Danticat, a book about the rescue of a seven year old boy trapped beneath his home and the emotions he feels in the eight days following his rescue

