DCMS READER OF THE MONTH

7th Grader Hailey Ahart is our middle school Reader of the Month. She has checked out 45 books so far this school year. Currently, her favorite book is the Hush, Hush series and the genre of horror romance. She says that she enjoys reading because she can "feel like the characters." She is a superstar reader.

Featured Lesson in the Library - Media Literacy

Be sure to ask your middle schooler what s/he learned about being media literate. This was covered through all of the ELA classes during their library time visit. We discussed the dangers of not having the skills to evaluate credible web sources. There were six areas used to assess what students read in the media. They were as follows: relevance, author's expertise, sponsor/web host, bias, agenda, and graphics. Students learned how to use this criteria to evaluate many kinds of media sources.

DCES READER OF THE MONTH

Janelys Figueroa, a 3rd grader in Zach Sabol's class is the DCES Reader of the Month. She has checked out 34 books from our library so far this year, and that is not counting what she reads at home. Her favorite book series is the Dork Diaries, and she likes reading because, "I get better at it the more I do it.

ACCELERATED READER

Elementary students in grades 2-5 are still doing AR challenges each month, and we are increasing our number of readers reaching the goals. Accelerated Reader is accessible from home up until 6:00 pm and will be available over the Winter Break. It is a great time for students to do some pleasure reading and earn some rewards.

Winter Break:
12/17 - 1/4

https://www.ted.com/talks/ella_lee_the_benefits_of_reading
SCHOOL ISSUED DEVICE

All students 1st through 8th grades have been issued one device (either Chromebook or Surface Go) and one charger. It is the students' responsibility to keep proper care of these items as they will be collected again. We are seeing a lot of missing chargers and lost devices, and the replacement fines are high. Please make sure that you have accounted for both of these, and if one is lost, please let the Library know immediately. IT prefers that no outside replacements be purchased. This is part of the one to one initiative created by SUSD.

E-READING: DIGITAL FORUM SPOTLIGHT

Sora Login for App

1) Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com.

2) In Sora, find your school (or enter your school's setup code), then sign in.

3) Browse the Explore tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.

4) Close the book and go to your Shelf to see all your books (including assignments). From there, you can: Tap Open Book or Open Audiobook to read or listen to the book. Tap Options to renew or return the book, get to your notes and highlights, and more.

E-FICTION BOOK OF THE MONTH

Bedtime Bonnet
Nancy Redd
A young African American girl describes her family's routine of covering their hair before bed. When she can't find her hair bonnet, she searches the house and discovers her grandfather is playing a trick on her.(Mackin)
Bedtime Bonnet gives readers a heartwarming peek into quintessential Black nighttime hair traditions and celebrates the love between all the members of this close-knit, multi-generational family. (Mackin)

TREASURE HUNT

The Library has a secret treasure for you to find! Here's Clue #4:
The main characters often engage in a kind of sword fighting. What is it called?

TECH SUPPORT CORNER

Need Computer Help?
For all your technology needs, please call the SUSD Help Desk! We will not swap until you have a work order, and we will no longer loan computers for the day. Please call the help desk at (480) 484-4357

Is your Computer Damaged?
Please call the Help Desk to get it replaced. For your safety, please call ASAP if you have a broken screen. Bring the work order number to the library to get your replacement.