



Amsterdam School Title 1 Newsletter February/March 2024

Listen and Learn with Audio Books

Audio books are a wonderful way to expose your child to complex language, expressive reading, and fantastic stories. Listening to audio books also gives kids the valuable and enjoyable experience of using their own imagination to visualize the people and places they're hearing about. Audio books are a great way to experience stories anytime, anywhere.

What to look for:

- Familiar stories
- Easy-to-use format
- Quality
- Good production

What to do:

Listen to audio books together. Audio books are a wonderful shared reading experience and a shared story gives everyone in the family something to talk about. Plus, you can help boost your child's thinking skills by asking questions about what you've listened to or take turns with your child retelling favorite parts of the story.

Feel free to stop listening. If an audio book isn't engaging, try another!

Keep your young listeners in mind. While kids can listen on a higher level than they can read, some stories may be too complex for young listeners to follow and enjoy. There is an abundance of audio picture books and poetry to enjoy and no need to rush straight into Harry Potter.

Don't let audio books take the place of you reading aloud to your child or telling them stories. The time you spend together will help your child make a lasting discovery of what reading for pleasure is all about.

Resource: www.ReadingRockets.com; January 2017 article, By: Reading Rockets, Rachael Walker

Dates to Remember

February 14th

5th - 6th grade ski day

February 19th

NO SCHOOL

February 26th - March 2nd

Missoula Children's Theater

March 15th

NO SCHOOL

March 26th

End of 3rd Quarter

March 29th

NO SCHOOL



Check Out This Website:

BrainPOP is a trusted learning resource supporting core and supplemental subjects; reaching millions of learners worldwide. It gently encourages young learners to ask questions and form their own ideas.

BrainPOP has engaging learning games, animated movies and activities designed with relevance, depth and humor to encourage kids on their unique learning path. Kids learn about historical events, science and even the stock market, all with the help of a robot and his friends.



Random Acts of Kindness Day: February 17th

How To Teach Kindness in Kids?.....Assign Chores!!

Kids should understand that a certain amount of helping is requested and required "just because"..... just because they're members of a family, just because they live under the same roof, and just because it's the right thing to do. So show them where the cat food is, how to clear the dinner table and make their beds or keep a chore chart to track and reward completion of their tasks. Your kids will feel great pride in doing their share and learn the importance of helping others!