



LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY

January and February 2025

USED BOOK SALE



The school will host a Used Book Sale in mid-February. All books will be 50 cents. Money raised will be used to purchase new books and materials for the library. If you have books you'd like to donate to the school, they can be dropped off at the front desk.



BOOKMOBILE

The Bookmobile will be at school on January 7th and 21st.

TREASURE STATE AWARD



During the next few weeks, students in Kindergarten thru Third will participate in the Treasure State Award review process. The Treasure State Award is a honor given to a book based solely on the votes of Montana students in grades K-3. Every year since 1991, five books have been nominated and reviewed by Montana children. The award is overseen by the Montana State Literacy Association and is a favorite unit of students and teacher librarians across the state.

KINDER – SECOND

In Library, students will wrap up December units and then listen to and review this year's Treasure State Award nominees. Each grade gets progressively more skilled at judging a book. In Kindergarten, students look at illustrations and judge whether the book is enjoyable. By second grade, students are able to critique the book based on a set of criteria.

During Technology, kindergartens will continue to develop their skills with Google Tools. First and second graders will continue building their early programming skills and enjoying the coding challenges.

THIRD

Treasure State Award nominee books will be reviewed by the third-grade class. They are judging the books on several traits including pictures, word choice, author style, and reading enjoyment. As we wrap up the Treasure State nominees, this class will then journey with Lewis and Clark through the eyes of several of the more often overlooked members of the expedition.

Third-grade students will continue their coding journey for a few more weeks in Technology before jumping back into typing for a bit. As we transition to Lewis and Clark in Library, their Technology unit will shift as well to research and exploration along with the Corps of Discovery.

FOURTH

Redesigning a ski resort will be the main focus in both Library and Technology in January. During this project-based learning unit, students will develop a business proposal, design logos and advertising, and track expenses.

In February, students will be learning about biographies as they listen to and read about Native Americans who have made a great impact on the United States and the world.

FIFTH

Fifth-grade students will be examining things from different perspectives as we launch into a unit on points-of-view. During this unit students will be using real-world data to examine a current topic of importance in Montana: Should grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem be removed from the endangered species list.

In Technology, students will continue to build their coding skills for a few weeks. They will then be developing spreadsheets to track their expenses for a range of "parties" from the Super Bowl to Valentine's Day.

SIXTH

In sixth-grade Library, students will analyze seals from Native American Tribes in Montana and then create their own seals. Each seal becomes a representation of their family, friends, and interests.

In Technology, students will work on digital citizenship skills in January and continue to develop their coding skills in February.

WHAT HAS MISS B BEEN READING?



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