Reed Library Newsletter

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Your thoughts!

Check out our monthly recommendations here!

Our expert parents, teachers & community will share a few favorites!

This week?

Although now a 1st grade teacher, Mrs Ryan's many years of experience in teaching Kindergarten, led her to share with us The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn. A favorite for Mrs Ryan, this is a great beginning of the year Kindergarten read & an invaluable recommendation:

"I always love reading *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn at the beginning of each year. .

Chester is kind of excited and

Our Shelves!

Welcome to our new Reed Library Newsletter!

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A warm welcome to our new Reed families this year – it is wonderful to be meeting & getting to know your children as we settle into school. And of course, a big welcome back to our existing students & families – the library & myself have missed you all!

A few reminders & a few new things happening in the library this year!

- Weekly updates on library lessons & happenings can be found on my blog: http://www.reedelementarylibrary.weebly.com/
- This year Kindergartners will start off library with a practice book to take home. This will help them get into the groove of our library routines & provides a great opportunity to share with those at home, how we care for books. Upon returning their practice book, they can then enjoy their very first official library check out with a book of their choice!

kind of scared to be starting school for the first time until his mom shares a special secret that will keep them connected while they're apart.

Besides the fact that the main character is a raccoon (how perfect for Reed!) it's a beautiful story to talk about the big feelings of starting school.

Hanky alert - This book may make you tear up the first time reading!

Ada Lovelace Poet of Science by Diane Stanley

Want to inspire your kids? Remind them that we can all dream, imagine, invent & aspire – even when the technology might not be ready for us!

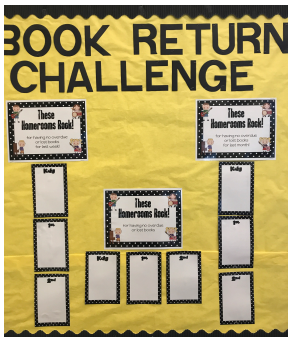
Ada Lovelace Poet of Science by Diane Stanley is all about someone considered to be the first computer programmer.

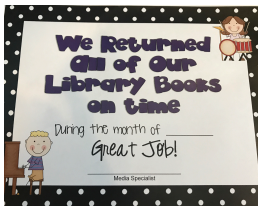
The daughter of famous poet Lord Byron & his mathematical wife Annabella, Ada Lovelace is a figure of determination & inspiration.

Her daring to dream big & pursue her ideas, paired with her great intellect & passion for math & science, ultimately led her to be the coder behind the Analytical Engine – the original concept of the computer.

This is a fun & informative biography making Ada's story accessible to kids of all ages!

- Library Lunch Club will resume on Wednesday 20th September with great anticipation from our regulars! The library is open to students during their lunch recess on Wednesdays. This is an opportunity for those students who would like a quiet space to read or participate in independent activity such as coloring, play dough, writing…. Library Lunch Club is very much considered the "chill zone" & students are asked to respect the rules of LLC as well as the space of others.
- Help your child's class achieve rock star status when ALL classroom students return their library books each week! A homeroom challenge (see below!) began in September & those classes with a 100% return rate will enjoy a complimentary bookmark & can proudly show off their achievement with their Library certificate to hang on their classroom wall.
- Don't forget to sign up early for your Birthday Book! By purchasing a birthday book on behalf of your child, you donate to our Reed Library & help keep our shelves well stocked! See the PTA website for more information go to: www.reedschools.org/Page/431





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WHAT'S NEW ON OUR SHELVES?

Some requests came in from students last year, about the time of Book Fair. We'd been sharing, in library, what sorts of books were on offer at the Fair, what ones were favorites, what was new and so on.

As it turns out, our Reed students are not only passionate readers but are also passionate about genres, authors and characters they like (let's face it – there is huge love for Piggy & Gerald as we all know!)

As a result of our discussions, I decided to honor what the people want! New to our shelves are some early reading favorites:

- *Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliot have arrived at Reed: Books 1 & 4
- We have a new *Nancy Drew* by Carolyn Keene *Candy Kingdom and Chaos*. This updated version is sure to be a hit.
- With a touch of Sci-Fi, *Galaxy Zack Ready, Set, Blast Off* by Ray O'Ryan is a fun, generously illustrated chapter book.
- If Fantasy is more popular with your child, *Dragon Masters – Search for the Lightening Dragon* by Tracey West is also an option.

All these titles balance text with illustration to offer our early readers both food for the mind & food the eye!

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