# TROY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



#### December 2025

#### Imagination Circle

Students can build their imagination by reading and writing, and even telling and listening to stories. Taking this idea, and creating a "Story Bag" was loads of fun as the students reached inside a bag to pull out an object to create a tale of mystery and excitement!



Students could either choose a new object or continue the narrative from a previous story.

Changing up activities in the library promotes engagement. There are different learning styles and working both independently and in groups gives students with both preferences a chance to thrive.

## Developing Reading & Public Speaking Skills!

Setting the bar high for students is exhilarating, and it gets even better when they rise to the challenge!

Oral book reports are an opportunity to maximize and create a motivating environment where all students can engage with the material. Making the task easy and open-ended, where the students have many options for presentation from an oral or written summary (or both), to an illustration, or even a skit creates a ripple effect that leads to increased reading interest and sharpens listening skills. Students are given an open invitation to present book reports throughout the year, as they wish!



#### TROY ELEMENTARY WINTER READING CHALLENGE!

How Can Family Help? Have your child read you a short book, in their reading level, at bedtime. Starts: Nov. 4 Ends:

Jan. 6 Awards Assembly Jan. 31. Use as many sheets as needed.

Challenge forms availble in the library



### **Volunteer Donates More Than Love and Time**

Barb Molsee has come full circle as she spent ten years working at the Troy schools as the librarian and art teacher. Twenty years later, she returned to volunteer in the library! Barb has a passion for reading and shares her loves of books with our students.

Barb has purchased several sets of Reinforced Library Bound Hardcover Nonfiction Book Sets that have been a big hit with our students. This latest cook book set

was a special request from our students, and they are excited that the books have arrived.

A special thank you, to our very special volunteer, who makes every day a better day in our school library!



#### **School-Public Library Partnerships**

Troy Elementary School works hard to have community collaborations, and sharing resources and expertise with our local city library creates wraparound services and also enriched learning opportunities.

Our library community partner pictured here, brought two special books that quickly became laugh-out-loud favorites!

Special thanks to our Troy Librarian for providing a positive and uplifting interaction that pulled our students in, and provided a FUN learning experience!

#### **Library Lessons Piggyback Classroom Standards**

Library lessons are planned to reinforce and enrich what our students are learning in the classrooms. Story times include books on such topics as rhyming, counting, shapes, globes, maps, etc. that help integrate and broaden the standards being taught and learned in the classroom. Fun worksheets, crafts, coloring pages, etc. are included to make lessons engaging.

Making sure that the library is an essential part of our school learning community ensures an additional avenue for student success!







