TROY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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KOHA

KOHA is the *free open-source library software system* that Troy School District uses as our library management tool.

A computer is available for students to search the library inventory by book title or author. It's important that students understand how a library works, so they can have the independence and ability to find what they are looking for. Additionally, library literacy includes knowing the difference between fiction and nonfiction books, how and where books are shelved, and understanding the classification of the Dewey Decimal System.

5th & 6th Grade Book Projects Displayed in the Library

The 5th & 6th grade book report projects are not only bright and colorful, but are the type of assignment that provides enjoyment and entertainment to every student entering the library!
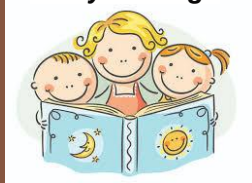

The students display their monthly book projects throughout the library, showing off their creativity and written communication skills. This unique way of doing book reports, which involves more than just writing a book summary, makes the assignment not only fun, but educational!

Kudos to all of the students who work so hard to create projects that they can share and be proud of!

"No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting."
-Lady Montagu

Why Offer Reading Challenges…

1, It's a great way to encourage students to read.

2. Develops a desire and appreciation for reading.

3. Empowers the students and provides the opportunity for them to choose their own books to read and share with their families.

Student Input…

Q: Why do you like the reading Challenges?
A: "The reading challenges motivate and challenge me."
    -Beau

Q: Why do you participate in the Reading Challenges?
A: "Reading is not my favorite thing, but I am encouraged at home and I am trying to get better at reading to take Hunting and Trapping Ed."
    -Hudson

Q: Should the library keep having Reading challenges?
A: "Yes, because they are fun and help us to learn to read."
    -Abby

Top Most-circulated items

The most circulated books in the library all come from the Dog Man Series, and in fact, rank in the following top 5 order:

1. Dog Man: Grime and Punishment
2. Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas
3. Dog Man Mothering Heights
4. Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls
5. Dog man and Cart Kid

The book series from author Dav Pilkey is about a canine who is part dog, part man, and whose mission is to take a bite out of crime.

Dog Man's reading level is grades 1-3, and our students can't seem to get enough of the silly humor.

Reading Buddies Prove Beneficial for Both Younger and Older Students!

Every day in the library is a FUN and busy day, and Friday's are no exception. The 6th grade students search the shelves intensely to find the perfect books to share with their kindergarten buddies. Pairing older elementary students with younger ones provides a first-hand example of what being a fluent reader looks like. For the older students this social interaction is a perfect way to work on emotional skills such as patience and empathy and gives any student who is not quite at grade level, a chance to read easier material, gain confidence, and improve their skills as well.

Did You Know?

- Reading is FUNdamental!

- Having as few as 20 books in your home will have a significant impact on propelling a child to a higher level of education, and the more books you add, the greater the benefit!