

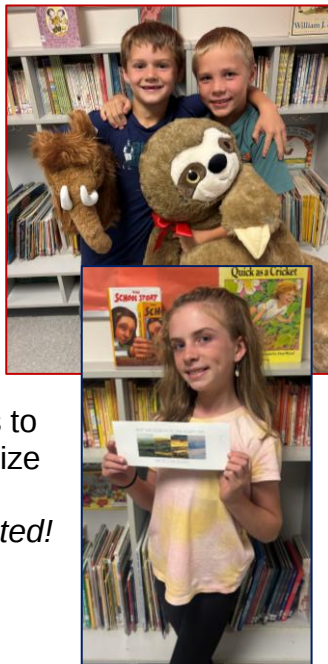
TROY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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Summer Reading Pays Big Dividends!

It can be hard to make summer reading a priority due to all of the distractions, but for those students that did, boy did it pay off. Not only did these students achieve their reading goals and avoid "summer reading loss," they also received some great prizes. All students received awards, and their names were also entered in a drawing for additional prizes. Special thanks to the University Best Western for the grand prize of a Staycation Pool Side Room! *Congratulations to all students that participated!*



2nd Annual October Book Character Pumpkin Contest!

Last year's Book Character contest proved to be quite memorable! Students decorated pumpkins to look like characters from a book that they had recently read.

Contests like this one, promote literacy in a creative and fun way, and also give the students a chance to display their amazing artistic talent and creativity.



Students can pick up an entry form in the library contest basket!

H - HANDS-ON
O - OPEN-ENDED
M - MEANINGFUL
E - ENGAGING



"Reading at home is FUN!"



Websites with **FREE** Literacy
Worksheets Can Help Your
Child Succeed **AND**
Have **FUN** at Home!

- **ABCmouse:**
Offers free printables for spelling, sight words, and vocabulary, covering kindergarten to second grade, according to ABCmouse.
- **SplashLearn:**
Provides printable reading worksheets focusing on letter recognition, phonics, and comprehension skills for kids, says SplashLearn.



Volunteers contribute thousands of hours, and call it a, “labor of love!”

Our library volunteers are driven by their desire to make a positive difference in the lives of our students, and it's obvious that they have a love of children!

Mrs. Hixson began volunteering last year, and loved it so much that she returned again this year. She says, “I love them, and it means the world to me to be with them!”

Having volunteers is so beneficial to our students! A great big thank you to all of our library volunteers that make such an extraordinary impact!



WHO GOES OUT ON HALLOWEEN?

STUDENTS SHOUT,

“WHO GOES OUT ON HALLOWEEN?
WHO CLIMBS UP STEPS?
WHO KNOCKS ON DOORS?”



GHOSTS GO OUT ON HALLOWEEN!

Hands-On Learning with Crafts

Library story time is so much more fun when the use of crafts can be integrated with the curriculum theme. Hands-on activities make learning more memorable, and boosts cognitive skills. Following instructions is a big part of the process, and as students improve their listening skills, their efficiency also improves. Additionally, students practice and improve their skills like cutting, coloring, and pasting which further develops their fine motor skills. Students are given the freedom to make their projects unique by adding their own picture details and colors of choice.

Learning about owls was so much fun, and using the glossary at the end of the book to actually start the lesson, immediately “hooked” the students’ interest. As new terms and vocabulary words were read, like “perch” and “talons”, students practiced their diagramming skills which had been introduced in the previous weeks lesson.

