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News from the JMS Library & Literacy Corner

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A Literary Encounter



On Wednesday, April 9, the JMS Book Club traveled to the Florence Public Library to meet award-winning author Erin Entrada Kelly. At only eight years old, Kelly knew she wanted to become an author. Her first book, *Blackbird Fly*, was published in 2015. She won the prestigious Newbery Medal in 2018 for *Hello, Universe*. After this win, she began writing fiction full time and has written 16 books. Kelly hopes her readers experience a sense of connection and feel less isolated. Shout out to Mrs. Robin Tanner, our amazing Reading Coach, for coordinating this trip. It was one for the books!

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Erin-Entrada-Kelly>

Top Predator, Big Impact

Mrs. McClellan's seventh graders recently learned how the removal or addition of a top predator can impact an entire ecosystem. Students read about how the removal of wolves in the early 1900s negatively affected the ecosystem of Yellowstone National Park. Next, students created a graphic organizer with sticky notes to show the ecosystem changes caused by the wolves' removal. Then, students read about the reintroduction of wolves back into Yellowstone in mid-nineties and the positive impact this has had on the ecosystem since then.



To extend learning, students rotated through stations interpreting graph data, constructing and analyzing food webs, classifying factors as biotic or abiotic, reviewing vocabulary, and writing diary entries from a Wyoming rancher's perspective in the mid-nineties.

Thank you, seventh graders, for your awesome effort and to Mrs. Angie McClellan for a great collaborative lesson!