

TROY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



May 2025

Spring Concert Mandatory Dress Rehearsal
5/14/25 5:30PM. Students must attend dress
rehearsal to be able to perform that evening.

Readers Theater builds confidence and fluency!

Students love interactive library lessons, and popular children's books with story scripts, like the *Hare and the Tortoise*, provide the perfect opportunity! Students work together to perform a play and read aloud, all the while honing their skills, gaining comprehension and increasing fluency. Even the typically reluctant readers are excited about choosing a character, and it is so much FUN engaging our students in a learning activity that feels more like play!



Large and In Charge!

Introducing books in a fun way is the goal of every story time, and what better way than using oversized books to capture student attention. Big books are perfect for creating a positive and enjoyable reading environment and fostering the love of reading. The vibrant illustrations are highly engaging and a great topic of discussion to encourage participation from all of the students.



early
reading



READ EARLY
& READ DAILY



The Idaho
Commission for
Libraries' (ICLF)

states that "the amount of reading
done *outside school hours* is the
single most important factor in
developing children's literacy
skills."

Supporting this endeavor is the
National Education Association
with a *Parent Quick Start Guide* to
learn about typical milestones and
find simple activities Pre-K to 2nd to
help your child with reading and
writing.

<https://www.nea.org/professiona-l-excellence/student-engagement/tools-tips/reading-101-guide-parents>



Mystery Library Bags

"Mystery library bags" are going home with students as a fun way to encourage reading, and offer an engaging opportunity for students and their families. We hope that this activity will be a fun way to introduce books that our students might not have chosen otherwise. Adding an element of excitement and anticipation sure can't hurt, and keeping our students interested in books and reading is one of the keys to their success!



Another key to student success is having your student read aloud to you. Even if your student is just learning to read, the practice that they get reading aloud, and sounding out words is an essential part of their reading growth.

From the desk of UI Student, Madilynn Abramowski



"I am a Sophomore at the University of Idaho. I have the pleasure of getting to spend my practicum with Mrs. Malm in the library for my Teaching Culturally Diverse Learners Class. I am getting my bachelors in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Special Education. I enjoy spending my free time outside in the mountains or reading a good book. I love getting to work closely with the second graders along with some of the other classes.

I am from a small town in Southern Idaho, called Kimberly. Growing up in a small town and getting to work with smaller schools, such as Troy, has been the highlight of getting my degree.

I hope to be in a school just like Troy Elementary after I graduate."



Bookmark Contest Winners!

Nearly 50 bookmarks were entered.

Dragons and 1st Graders Love Tacos!



What is word club?



Students can download Word Club for free in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). Choose from five spelling play modes and three vocabulary play modes. Track your progress as you conquer the *National Spelling Bee List* and *Words of the Champions*.