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Reading Challenge Update

In December, students participating in the Reading Challenge explored graphic novels. After sharing summaries of their books, students had some holiday fun with a left-right game story. The game ended with Laycie King winning a Flashes blanket. Each student who attended also earned a badge for the month.



Super Readers Spotlight

Super Readers are selected by the ELA teachers for their outstanding effort in reading. As a reward, they earn a canteen pass to enjoy during school hours. November/December honors went to Miranda Cain, Eden Baxley, and Kamryn Prosser. Congratulations to these Super Readers!

Breaking Out with Plot Elements

In November, seventh and eighth graders took on a fun breakout challenge about plot elements. In a breakout, students work in small groups to solve puzzles and uncover clues. This breakout helped them explore each part of the plot diagram—exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. The most challenging part was looking at specific events from stories and deciding where they fit in the plot diagram. Students had great discussions and figured it out as a team. Check out some pictures from the breakout below!



Capture the Flag: ELA Edition

In December, students from all grade levels enjoyed a game of capture the flag. Teams worked together to answer inferencing questions on task cards. After correctly answering four questions, they earned the chance to steal a flag from another team. The value of each flag remained a secret until the end, adding to the excitement! Capture the flag can increase the engagement for many classroom review activities. See the fun in action below!

