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Super Readers

Congratulations to the Super Readers for December: Faith Patterson, Whitley Clark, MyKenna McDaniel, Kristen Hicks, and Ansley Talmadge. Read more about them on the board across from the office.

Lunch Bunch Book Club

Book club members ended the year by sharing reviews about their favorite books. They also enjoyed a fun gift exchange with a left-right story. Thank you Mrs. Robin Tanner for making our book club meetings so awesome!



Next book club meeting:
Thursday, February 1



5th/6th



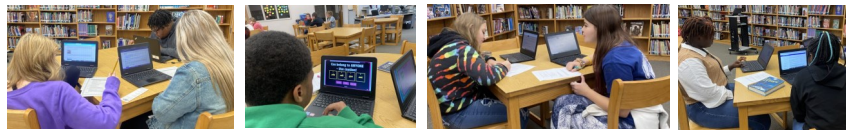
7th/8th

Keep Calm and Check Your Sources

JMS students have been learning how to determine the reliability of internet sources. Here are a few questions to ask about sources before using them for research:

1. Do you know who is in charge of the website?
2. Does the website have a reliable domain?
3. Are the factual claims supported by cited sources?
4. Is there any bias that you notice?
5. Does the website have outdated information?
6. Are there any grammatical or spelling errors?

These students used a credibility checklist to evaluate two websites and then chose the most credible source.



Learning about Digital Footprints

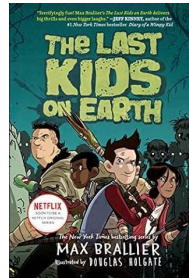
Your digital footprint is the trail of information that you leave behind each time you go online. This includes all social media activity. Fifth graders recently learned that digital footprints can impact future jobs and college scholarships. These students also evaluated three fake social media profiles and easily identified the person with the most positive digital footprint.



Author Spotlight Max Brallier



The Last Kids on Earth
Book 1 →



Quick Facts — Personal

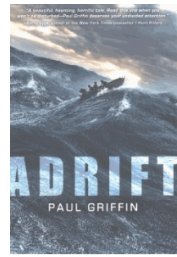
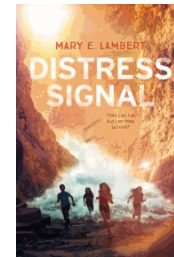
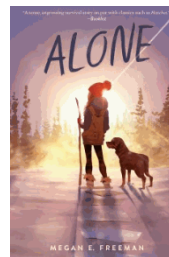
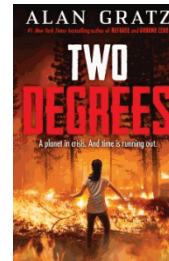
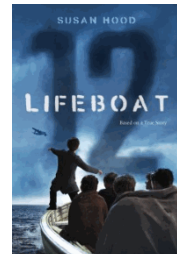
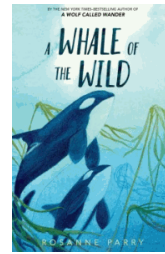
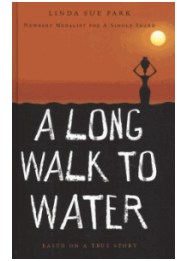
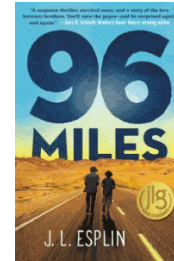
- ◆ Born on September 8, 1983
- ◆ Had a treehouse when he was a kid
- ◆ Graduated from the Ithaca College in NY
- ◆ Lives in Los Angeles, CA with his wife, Alyse, and daughter, Lila
- ◆ Max “writes a lot, reads a lot, plays too many video games, watches too many movies, and eats too many nachos.” (*The Author Village*)
- ◆ Pseudonym—Jack Chabert

Quick Facts — Writing

- ◆ Max has written more than 50 books.
- ◆ He began writing creatively in college.
- ◆ *The Last Kids on Earth* book series began in 2015 and has over 10 million copies in print.
- ◆ In the first book, sixth grader Jack Sullivan is on a mission to save his crush, June Del Toro, who is thought to be trapped in the school after the Monster Apocalypse.
- ◆ Max was inspired to write *The Last Kids on Earth* when his childhood home was sold and he had to pack up things from his childhood like toys, DVDs, books, and comics.

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Survival Fiction



Student Book Recommendation

Fifth grader Anniston Jones would like to recommend the *Ghoulia* book series because it is funny and she loves the characters. She is writing the author to ask her to write more books about Ghoulia!

