



## St. Johns County School District *Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!*

January 22 – 26, 2018



### School-wide Activities

- DEAR - *Find Yourself in a Book!* independent reading time; 'cozy up with a good book' pajama day; grade levels select a common reading time
- Million Minute Marathon – every minute counts! Teachers will track the number of minutes each student reads to see how close to a million minutes we can get.
- Caught in a Book/Reading Challenge - tickets will be passed out when staff catches students reading; students will turn in tickets to receive a prize drawing/contest for how many books students can read
- Morning News
  - Celebrity Reader on the news
  - Mystery Reader on the news – students will guess who it is
  - Guests on the news will tell a short story about a time when reading made a difference in their lives
  - *What Book Is It?* Trivia question
  - Announce winners of *Caught in a Book* with photos of readers, bookmark contest winners, and trivia answers
  - Slide show of kids, teachers, and staff seen reading
  - Daily presentation of reading tips from teachers
  - *Who Wrote That Quote?* – quotes from popular books will be read aloud on the morning news; students will be invited to guess which book matches the quote
- Character Parade – each day of the week a different grade level will present a character parade where students dress up as a book character
- Figurative Language Parade – Students in grades 3-5 represent various types of figurative language (similes, hyperbole, metaphors, idioms) and parade through the school.
- Read Aloud – every teacher reads aloud *Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster*
- Decorations - Grade-level entranceways decorated with theme of literacy week; door decorating contest; hallway displays – “Put Yourself in a Book”
- 'Guess Who' Gallery Walk (AKA 'Mystery Readers') – Ten staff members will be photographed reading their favorite book BUT their face will be hidden; kids will view the gallery and guess who is in each picture
- Hello, My Favorite Book Character Is... - students wear a name badge with a favorite book character on it.
- Author Visits – some authors in person; other authors visit on Skype or Facebook Live
- School Play – *Peter Pan and the Lost Book of Neverland* presented during Literacy Week
- Reading Riddles – daily reading riddles will be distributed to classes; prizes will be awarded when the riddles are solved
- Reading is Everywhere – teachers will bring in pictures of themselves reading outside of school – maybe to their own kids, to a pet, or for enjoyment on the couch; pictures will be on display



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**School-wide Activities cont.**

- Find Yourself in ...dress up each day in different clothes to wear while reading - (i.e., 'Hats Off' – wear special hats; 'T-shirt Tuesday' – wear t-shirts; 'Warm Up Wednesday' – wear gloves and scarves; 'Funky Socks' – wear crazy socks; 'Superheroes' – wear superhero attire; 'Reading Can Take You Anywhere' – wear a t-shirt from a place you have visited; 'Reading is Better with a Friend' – dress like a twin with a friend to read together; 'Hunting for Books' – wear camo to read; 'Score with Books' – wear favorite team jersey)
- Literacy at Lunch – guests will visit the cafeteria during lunch to read stories to students
- Book Graffiti Wall - Students will share their favorite books on a Graffiti Wall in the main hallway
- Spy a Reader /Spy a Writer - Mystery guests will visit classrooms to spy kids reading and writing
- Award Reading - first semester Accelerated Reader and Raz-Kids Celebrations throughout the day; classes compete to see which group of students can read the most books during the week
- Disney Day – Who doesn't love Disney? Wear a Disney t-shirt or cap and complete a writing prompt of choice about Disney!
- Legos in Literature - students create a Lego display that depicts a scene or character from a favorite book
- Teacher Favorites Contest – students match up teachers with their favorite books
- Resource Classes  
**ART:** Book Mark Contest - students will design a book mark during art class to celebrate and promote a favorite book, author or character; the winning designs will be used to make bookmarks for all students.  
**PE:** Game activities during PE will use book characters or authors for team names. Example: Sneeches vs. Lorax, Suess vs. Pilkey

**Media Center Activities**

- Writing Stories - K-2 write story starters; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> finish the tales started by K-2
- Bulletin Board - Students work together to create a Book Recommendation bulletin board
- Book-related Tasks - book clipart contest, book projects, book posters contest, design a bookmark
- Legos for Literacy – when students visit the Media Center during Literacy Week they will engage with books and Legos
- Book Drive – gently used book drive; students invited to bring in books to donate
- Literacy Essay – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate in an essay contest writing an essay titled, "What Reading Means to Me?"
- What Else Can You Read? – students enjoy reading magazines in the library
- Guess the Mystery Reader – game students play when visiting the media center
- Book Buddies – read to a stuffed animal during Media class
- Sentence Strip Hats - students in K-2 will create sentence strip hats during media resource classes to depict a favorite book character.
- Literacy Trivia – students in grades 3-5 will participate in literacy-related trivia exercises during time in Media class

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**Classroom Activities**

- Poetry Day - Share favorite poem with students; explain how you connect and/or if you find yourself in the poem; students bring poem to share too.
- Reading is Cool Day - Weather permitting, teacher & students read outside for DEAR time with sunglasses on.
- Unusual Book Day - Teacher & students bring an unusual book to share with class. (Ex. An old book, a small book, a book in a different language, etc.)
- Find Yourself in a Book/Dress Like a Book Character - Teacher & students show off the character they are representing and share why they like (or how they connect to) the character.
- Guest Readers – classrooms will be visited by guest readers (school-based, district-based, community, local high school students, parents, family members, other teachers)
- Book Buddies – each class buddies up with another class to read together
- Books for Friends – kindergarten kids will read to PreK kids and will give each child a book
- Class Book – work together to write a class book
- Flashlight Fun – students use a flashlight during reading with lights out
- Literacy is Everywhere – wear a shirt with words and take turns reading them aloud
- Speech Contest – students participate as audience members and presenters in classroom speech contests; class winners will compete in a school-based competition
- Breakfast, Books, and Blankets – students wear pajamas, bring a blanket and stuffed animal, and enjoy a breakfast treat with their friends while enjoying reading time
- Book Cover - Students will draw the cover and retell their favorite story (we will hang the students’ papers in the hall before literacy week) to celebrate and share their love of reading
- Storyline Online – students will enjoy listening to stories read aloud on a story website ([www.storylineonline.com](http://www.storylineonline.com))

**Family Activities**

- Literacy Week Kick-off Night with author talks, book swaps, and other literacy-based activities
- Literacy BINGO – each family will receive a BINGO card on Monday; each BINGO square has a literacy-related activity; families are encouraged to engage in the literacy-related activities and sign off to complete the BINGO
- Bingo for Books – family BINGO night where winning families win books for their home library
- Super Hero Reading Adventure – family event with a super hero photo booth, literacy games, book donations, bingo, and more
- Chili Cook-Off and Literacy Night – literacy games and activities inside; staff vs. students kickball game outside; bring a non-perishable food item for our partnership with another school; PTO Chili Cook-Off
- Parent Interview about Reading - Students will interview their parents about their favorite book when they were in Kindergarten.
- Family Literacy Night – this special night will include dinner and professional storyteller, Kaye Barnes. Rooms will be decorated with the theme of “Find Yourself In A Book” and Kid Book Warehouse will be selling books in the school library.