

EU Readers' Room

FEBRUARY 2019

STRATEGY OF THE MONTH FOR K-3

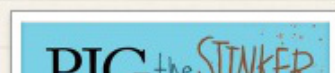
Questioning Promotes Comprehension

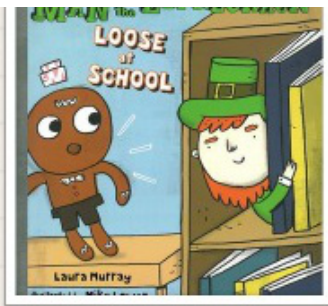
Children are curious by nature, and as parents, you can take advantage of the questions your child asks to increase his or her comprehension. Research has shown that when children learn to ask their own questions during reading, their comprehension improves. Although the idea of questioning seems simple, the following tips will make your reading and questioning sessions even more powerful.

- When you check out a new picture book from the library, try not asking your child to make a prediction right away. Instead, take a "picture walk" of the book and try asking, "*What do you notice?*" or "*What questions do you have?*" as your child previews the cover and illustrations. By using these prompts, you'll be developing your child's ability to self-question.
- Look for "*perplexing*" books to check out. What does this mean? Look for picture books with illustrations that seem to be the opposite of what your child already knows or has experienced. The conflict between what your child expects and what he or she sees in the illustration will spark the "question-finding" process.
- Encourage your child to use post-it notes during his or her reading. Each time a question pops up, stop-and-jot it on the sticky note. As you read together, ask your child to search for the answers.
- Remember that comprehension strategies such as this one are best practice with "just-right books". Ideally, your child should self-select a book that is neither too hard nor too easy.

Adapted from "Promoting Self-Questioning Through Picture Book Illustrations" -The Reading Teacher

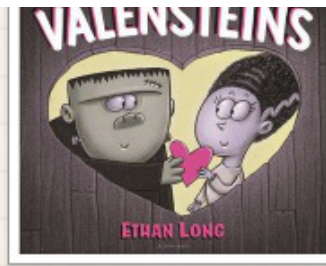
PRIMARY BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS





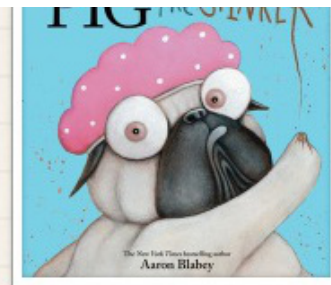
GINGERBREAD MAN AND THE LEPRECHAUN LOOSE AT SCHOOL

The Gingerbread Man is not the only one causing chaos at school anymore! He is on the hunt for a sneaky leprechaun!



VALENSTEINS

Fran K. Stein is busy making something special for someone special, and the other monsters must find out what could be occupying his time!



PIG THE STINKER

Another book with a beloved character, Pig the Pug. This time he is refusing to take a bath!

STRATEGY OF THE MONTH FOR 4-6

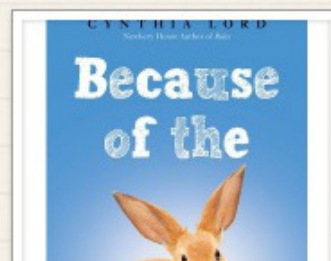
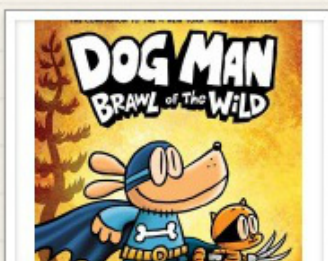
Determine and Analyze Author's Purpose

Every time an author writes, they write for a specific reason. As readers, it is important to understand why a piece was written because we infer the meaning of the text based on the author's purpose for writing it. Although there are many reasons for writing, we mainly focus on P.I.E. (Persuade, Inform, or Entertain).

How can you help your child at home? Easy!

- When you sit down with your child, have them predict what they think the purpose is?:
"Why do you think the author wrote this story/text?"
- Ask your child to look for clues in the book that support their prediction:
"What clues can you find in the text that support what you think?"
"How might you approach reading this text, knowing the purpose?"
"Now that you are done, do you still agree with your prediction about why the author wrote this text? If not, what made you change your thinking?"

INTERMEDIATE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS





DOG MAN: BRAWL OF THE WILD

Another book in the series of Dog Man. Someone thinks he has committed a crime and sends him to the pound. His friends have to work to prove he's not a villain.



I SURVIVED: THE BATTLE OF D-DAY

Paul helps an American paratrooper and finds himself in the largest invasion in history.

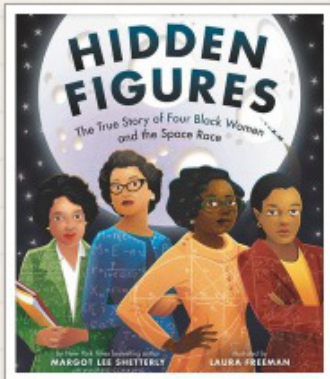


BECAUSE OF THE RABBIT

Emma never imagined that a wild rabbit would lead to the thing she wants most - a new best friend at school.

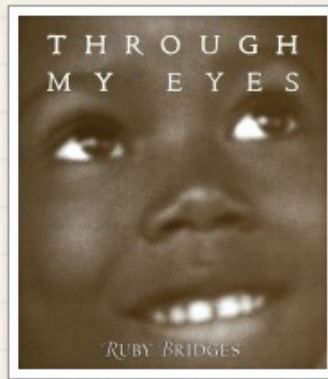
FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is a great time to share through literature the contributions that African Americans have had on our history. Below are just a few of the amazing titles of books that have been written to help share the word of these powerful stories.



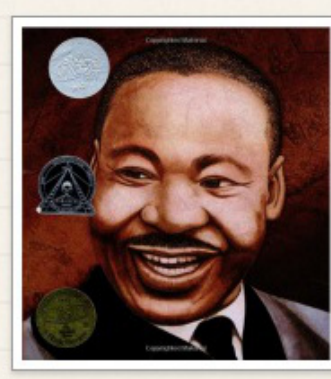
HIDDEN FIGURES

These four female African American mathematicians broke the color barrier and made history - helping to put US astronauts into space.



THROUGH MY EYES

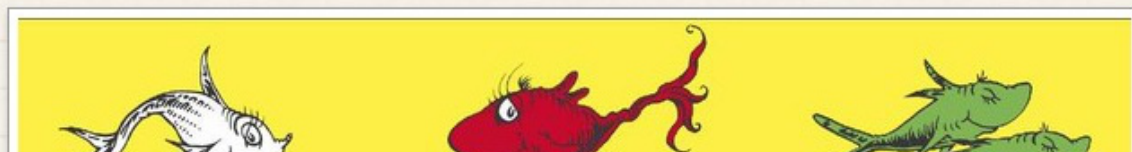
Written by Ruby Bridges, this autobiography shows readers what it was like for her to be a little girl playing a pivotal role in the historical integration of schools.

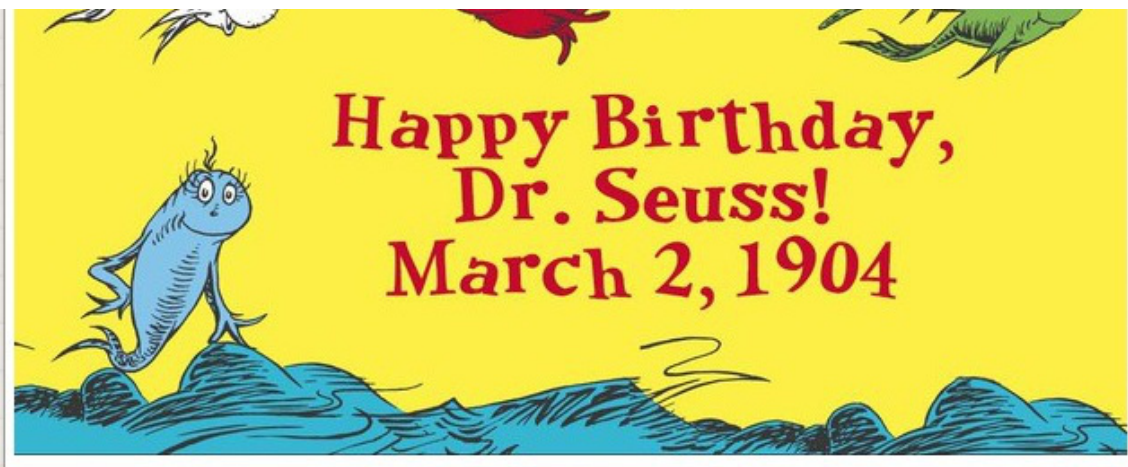


MARTIN'S BIG WORDS

This picture book biography of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. brings his life and the profound nature of his message to young children through his own words

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK





MARCH 4TH - MARCH 8TH

Dr. Seuss' birthday is on March 2nd and we will be celebrating with Dr. Seuss themed activities throughout the week. Keep an eye out for a flyer coming home about the events your child will be able to participate in. We are fortunate to have students from the high school join us as guest readers.