



## FOREST PARK LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER NEWS (FP LMC)

Dear Parents and Students,

January/February

Happy New Year! I hope you and your beautiful families had a wonderful holiday and winter vacation! I sure did! There's nothing better than spending time with family and curling up with a good book! My two favorite things! How are you coming on those New Year's Resolutions...so far so good? I hope one of your resolutions was to spend more time reading together as a family! There's nothing better than sharing a good book with someone you love!

We have been having so much fun reading and **Learning in Your FP LMC!** Here's what we've been doing:

- Kindergarten students are reading through the seasons while we learn about fiction and nonfiction, authors and illustrators, and award winning books. They are also learning about databases such as World Book online and nonfiction eBooks such as MyOn to research seasonal topics.
- First, second, and third grade students are participating in the Arkansas Diamond Nominee Project where we are learning about book production, genres, parts of books, elements of nonfiction, story elements, and book critiques. Third grade students are also learning research and note taking strategies.
- Fourth and Fifth Grade students have learned how libraries are organized and how to find information in the library! They will now begin to explore databases such as World Book online, digital libraries such as MyOn, and educational websites to research a topic of their choice. They will communicate their findings using our district adopted digital communication interface, Gaggle.
- Fourth and fifth grade students are also participating in the Charlie May Simon Graffiti Book Club. We are reading and discussing the Charlie May Simon nominee, *Liar & Spy* by Rebecca Stead!
- Kindergarten students have voted for their favorite Arkansas Diamond Nominee! First through Fifth Grade students will vote on their favorite Arkansas Diamond nominee or Charlie May Simon Nominee in March!

Congratulations to all of our fabulous readers who made their second quarter **Accelerated Reader** goals! Students received their second quarter prizes the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>! So if you see bracelets, personalized FP book lights, water bottles, erasers, backpack clips and cool Keep Calm and Read On t's, know that your smart reader earned these for their awesome reading skills! Students who earned at least 50% of their AR point goal participated in an AR Spirit Free Dress Day, Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, and students who earned their AR point goal with at least an 85% average accuracy participated in an extra recess, Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>! Go Fabulous FP AR Readers!!! **Reminder: Last day to take AR quizzes to earn third quarter point goals is March 19<sup>th</sup>!**

Want to give a gift that keeps on giving? Want to commemorate your child's years at Forest Park? Donate a book to your FP LMC through the **PTA LIBRARY BOOK CLUB!** Your child will choose a book from our stash, and we will place a book plate in the book in his/her honor! Please contact Matty Ross at [mom2lots@att.net](mailto:mom2lots@att.net) for more information! Thank you for helping us build an amazing collection in your FP LMC!

Your **FP LMC Hours** are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Feel free to come and check out up to five books with your children, read Accelerated Reader Books, observe Accelerated Reader quiz taking, research on our computers and in our Reference Section, or just cuddle up and read together!

I so look forward to working with you and your precious children! If you would like to help at any of our events, please give me a call (447-4506) or email me ([ingrid.graves@lrds.org](mailto:ingrid.graves@lrds.org))! Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your dear children! Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Michelle Graves, LMS