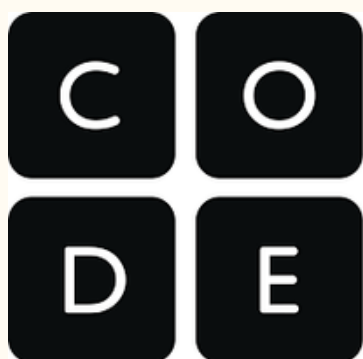


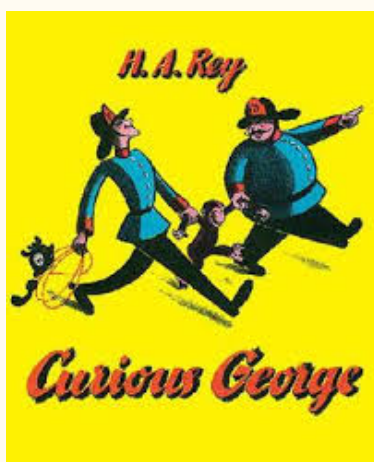
WELCOME TO OUR
Library Newsletter
WINTER
2024-2025



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

This winter...

This quarter, all students are participating in the Hour of Code to help promote interest in coding and other STEM subjects. Students are learning what computer programming is all about. We use the lessons, videos and games created especially for elementary students on Code.org.



In Kindergarten we are reading classic children's literature such as... Curious George and Harold and the Purple Crayon.

In 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades we are reading and discussing the Show-Me Award Nominee books for this year.

In 4th and 5th grades we are learning how to navigate the library and find books using the Dewey Decimal System and Destiny, our online Catalog.

This Spring...

WE WILL GET TO VOTE!

Glendale participates with many other schools in the state to choose the BEST book! Only students in 1-3 grades get to vote. So, after we have finished reading the nominees each student will get to cast their vote and we send those votes in to the state of Missouri. So far we predict that Creepy Crayon will be the winner at Glendale!





Ten Tips to Raise a Reader

1. Start Early

The earlier you start reading together, the easier the habit will be.

2. Read Aloud Every Day

Aim to read aloud every single day. Try for at least three books a day, for at least ten minutes a day.

3. Make Reading Part of Your Family's Life

Modelling good reading habits is important. Our kids need to see us reading and discussing what we've read so that they grow up with the message that reading's an important and enjoyable part of life.

4. Seek Out Good Books

Be on the look out for books that might interest your child. Go to the public library together and let your child choose his own books as soon as he's able to.

5. Create a Reading-Friendly Home

Create a quiet, comfortable place in your home to read. This can be as simple as making sure your child has a reading light by the bed and setting a bedtime that includes half an hour to read in bed before 'lights out'.

6. Make Time for Reading

Many kids don't read for pleasure simply because there are so many activities and distractions. They may need help creating a reading habit. You can assist them by limiting time on other activities.

7. Use Technology

If your child has access to an iPad or Kindle or something similar, you may want to explore the world of electronic book readers. Try Mid-Continent Public Libraries!

8. Give Audio Books a Go

There are some great kids' audio books available these days and they can be a great way to get a reluctant reader excited about books and reading, without the pressure.

9. Have Books on Display

Young children especially will engage with whatever's nearby. This makes it really important that you have books clearly on display in the parts of your home where your little ones spend lots of time. This way they'll pick them up and read them often, ask you to read them and carry them around with them. In other words, their books will become part of their lives, which is what you want to happen.

10. Give Books as Gifts

Giving books as gifts is a lovely tradition and kids love a special trip to the bookstore where they get to choose their own book. Having ownership over their own books helps to make reading even more enticing.

Want to read more?

Go to sites.isdschools.org/david_cromwell and click on "10 Tips to Raise a Reader".