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ALONSA SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

"I Love to Read" Month

From the desk
of your Librarian:
Mrs. B. Anderson

What We've Been Up to This Month

We certainly have had our fair share of winter's cold weather this January! Hopefully February will bring warmer temperatures and no more wind chill warnings or blizzards!

January themes for Pre-School - Grade 1 included:

- * New Year's Day and the Months of the Year
- * Winter Animal Stories
- * Winter Fun / Outdoor Play Stories
- * Sledding Stories

"Grandpa Dan's Toboggan Ride" by Suzan Reid is a fun story and a children's favorite as well as "Huggly's Snow Day" by Tedd Arnold. We also enjoyed "Charlie's Snow Day" based on the

books by Ree Drummond. Charlie is a Ranch Dog who tells great stories of his adventures.

The Grade 2's and I are reading "Noodle" from the Puppy Place series by Ellen Miles. When the Peterson family is out for a winter picnic they find Noodle the puppy has fallen through the ice on the lake. After Noodle is rescued they take him home and set out to find his family.

The Grade 3's and I are continuing in the series by Paula Danziger with "Forever Amber Brown". We are glad that Amber has found a new friend after her best friend Justin moved away. In this book Amber has just received her school pictures and pictures are like



life, sometimes they don't turn out the way you want!

The Grade 4's and I are continuing with the Moody family with books by Megan McDonald. We finished "Stink, the Incredible Shrinking Kid" and have begun "Stink and the World's Worst Super-Stinky Sneakers" where Stink Moody finds out that he has amazing nose!

"Bearwalker by Joseph Bruchac is the book the Grade 5's and I have begun. The story has been exciting from the beginning. Baron and his class are on a trip to Camp Chuckamcuk deep in the Adirondack Mountains where the Bearwalker legend that was passed down from his Mohawk ancestors becomes more than just a scary story!

The Grade 6's and I are nearly finished "I Want to Go Home" by Gordon Korman. Rudy and Mike are still trying to escape from Camp Algonkian. After many foiled attempts they may need to take desperate measures, after all, if the camp is no longer standing how can they be expected to stay?

Book Fair FIESTA coming soon!

Our next Scholastic Book Fair is coming in February! It will be held February 19, 20 & 21 with our Family Event after school from 3:30-5:30 on our opening day.

We have the potential to earn 70% back on our sales with this book fair. We earn 50% if we reach our goal

and sell over \$1500; PLUS an extra 10% for this being our second book fair of the year; and an extra 10% for having the fair in February. February is also "I Love to Read" month!!

I have many fun contests planned again as well! Watch for the Book Fair Flyers coming home soon.



Special Points of Interest this Month:

- I LOVE TO READ MONTH
- Valentine's Day - February 14
- Louis Riel Day - February 17 (School Closed)
- Scholastic Book Fair FIESTA - February 19, 20 & 21
- Professional Development - February 24 (No Classes)