

Title 1 News

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The Title 1 program provides supplemental instruction in core subjects to eligible students. We work to ensure that all children have an equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and to achieve proficiency on high academic standards.



Happy Thanksgiving!

We have seen so many good things in education this past month.

An Elementary grade teacher came up to me about a week ago - almost in tears. She was so proud of a student of hers. This student began the year barely writing any words: no sentences, no sentence structure, no spaces between words, no completed written thoughts.

This amazing teacher held up a worksheet with three sentences on it.

The sentences were complete thoughts, with structure, and strong spelling improvement.

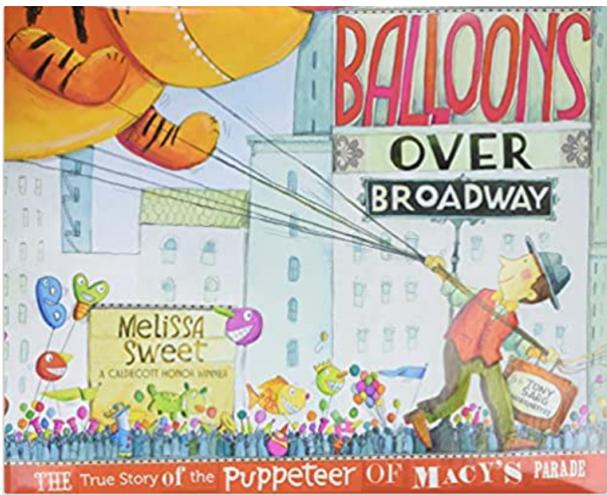
Over and over again, we have experienced success like this at Gate City this year - and we're only three months in! Education is always challenging: remote, in person, pandemic or not. This year, we see kids responding bravely to challenge. I have so many students who met with me reluctantly in Title I at the beginning of the year. Many didn't want to spend more time on subjects that were already challenging for them. And over and over again, I see them gain the confidence to try, make mistakes, and try again. They are making strong improvements, and they're doing a great job! Happy Thanksgiving everyone, get some well-deserved rest!

-- Title I Team

What Teachers are Reading

Teachers love a good book! Whether it's part of core instruction, or part of morning meeting, we always have something good to share. I asked a few teachers what they have been reading to their classes this month.

Mrs. Riddell read Balloons Over Broadway, by Melissa Sweet to her 3rd grade class. The kids got to learn all about the history of the Macy's Parade, as well as the balloon handlers - it's all in the book!



Next I asked Mrs. Waterman what she has been reading this month. She actually told me about a book she just finished with her own daughter. The book is called Wish, by Barbra O'Connor, and they both loved it!

Mrs. Waterman said that her 2nd grade class would love it too. It's also at the Gate City Library. She highly recommends checking it out! She said the book was almost like Because of Winn Dixie, in how readable and lovable it is. It's about a little girl who is sent to go live with family in North Carolina that she barely knows.



The first graders read The Book With No Pictures, by B.J. Novak with Mr. McHugh. It indeed, has no pictures, and the kids loved it! Novak jokes in his book about the silly sounds he makes the reader say in lieu of captivating pictures..

The Book With No Pictures

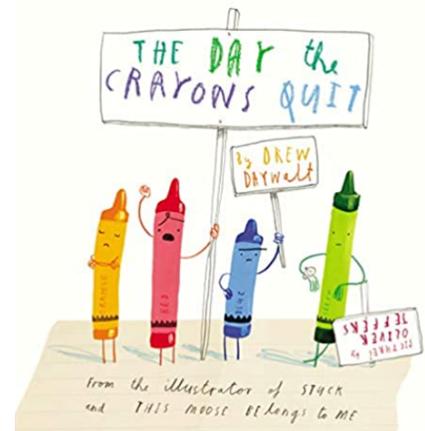
B.J. Novak

"Please, don't **ever** make me read this book again!

It is so... **silly!**"

--Novak

Ms. Bibeau and Ms. Cole recently read one of their favorites to their Kindergarten class. They read The Day the Crayons Quit, by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers. This funny book encourages us to appreciate all the hard work that crayons do for us!



Features

Quick Tips for Reading and Math

A lot of kids love going to the library or looking at books but feel like they don't know how to pick one. Here's a great tip to help them pick books for themselves! It's called the **Five Finger Rule**.

- 1st Pick a book and open it to any page
- 2nd Start reading the page
- 3rd Hold up one finger for **EVERY** word that you don't know or have trouble pronouncing

	OR		=	The book is too EASY
	OR		=	The book is too HARD Try reading it with a buddy or parent
	OR		=	The book is JUST RIGHT!

Never Underestimate the Power of Baking!

Kids practice math when they help us bake. It does not have to be a complex math lesson on your part. The opportunity for them to think through parts, portions, and order of ingredients is a great practice in problem solving. That's the valuable part. When they get to think through a problem and come to a solution on their own (or with a bit of help), they are practicing math skills that are directly helpful in their classes.

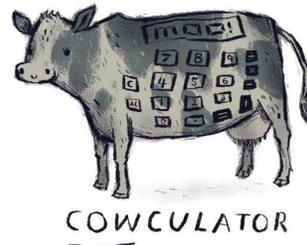


And now... the moment we've all been waiting for:

Math Jokes!

Parallel Lines have so much in common
... It's a shame they'll never meet.

How does the Mathematician plow fields?
... With a pro-tractor!



What do you call two friends that love math?
...Algebros

Stay Tuned

Stay tuned for more updates and events from our amazing Title 1 program. We are so happy to be able to support our community with Title 1 Services. If you have any questions, or want to become involved with Title 1, please reach out!

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