In kindergarten, through various fun activities, including singing, reading, use of technology and storytelling, we have been learning about the differences between author and illustrator, shelf care, parts of the book, story elements and the differences between fiction and nonfiction (informational text). Next month, they will continue to learn about a variety of authors and illustrators through read-alouds and book talks, begin using more technology through the use of QR Codes, while participating in a book character scavenger hunt! Here are some images of favorite books in kindergarten...

Happy New Year, 2017!!! I hope everyone is having a happy and healthy new year! As I look back on the beginning of the school year, I realize the children and I have accomplished quite a bit. However, we still have so much more to learn! We will be very busy! This is Beaver Creek Library’s Newsletter to keep you informed of what has been happening in the library!

In first grade, we continue to have such a fun time learning and loving books! Through storytelling and reading the children are introduced to a variety of books along with library skills! At present, we have been discussing fiction and how one can tell whether or not they are holding a fiction book that is a picture book or a chapter book. The students learn that by looking at the spine label of the book they can determine if the book is fiction or nonfiction. --- and, specifically, if it is an easy picture book (E on the spine label) or a chapter book (F on the spine label). Nonfiction books have numbers on the spine label. Some favorite books this year so far...
Second grade has been working on reviewing book care and the elements of fiction. (See a few creative bookmarks to the right!) They also learned how to choose a Just Right Book and they even had a special Book Tasting Event in the library where they had a chance to look at a variety of books. They received a Book Tasting Journal where they could "jot down" books that looked interesting to read in the weeks or months to come! This will be a great resource for any student on a day they might say..."I don't know what to get today!"....:-) Next up, delving deeper into nonfiction books and text features!

In third grade we have been reviewing the differences between fiction and nonfiction also, as an asset in being more proficient in using the online catalog, Destiny! Destiny is an online catalog used to locate books in the library where one can search a book by author, title or subject. Students will also learn how to use Google Drive this year by creating a colorful Caldecott presentation using Google Slides! One of the last units of study will be Digital Citizenship. Through all of this, students are still being introduced to excellent literature!

We have been spending quite a bit of time discussing and understanding the importance of being a good digital citizen in fourth grade! We started the year with a discussion of What Is the DASD Acceptable Use Policy?? .....and Why Does it Matter to Me?? In this unit we discussed the "dos and don'ts" of using any type of district devices. Next, we talked about plagiarism.....what it is and how NOT to plagiarize. At present, we have been discussing the Rings of Responsibility. This unit focuses on how to be good digital citizen and how our behavior online, if it is NOT good, can effect not only our SELF but also, FAMILY and FRIENDS and sometimes even the COMMUNITY! The students have been working on very creative projects to show their understanding of the Rings of Responsibility. (See a few samples on the next page! Scan the QR Codes using a QR Code Reader App such as Inigma) As always, a discussion of good literature occurs throughout!
After our many discussions of how to be a good digital citizen, these are some of the most important rules your children listed:

**Self:**
*balance* online and offline time
*do NOT* over-share personal information such as passwords, usernames, SS#s
*STOP* and THINK before YOU CLICK!
*be respectful of others
*be careful what you post, it could be embarrassing, it could effect your future

**Family and Friends:**
*do not* post pictures or videos of family or friends without asking or their personal information
*Never reveal* family passwords, bank information, family home address

**Community:**
*do not* cyberbully /or call people mean names online....the principal, counselor or police may have to get involved
*do not* plagiarize (claiming someone else’s work is yours) give proper credit
TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED!!!

Lastly, is a discussion of what the fifth graders have been doing in the library. At present, fifth grade is working on a Google Slides research project dealing with European Explorers. They are learning about the power of Google Drive and how information can be stored and shared with others "in the cloud!" The students will be sharing and discussing their work with fifth graders from East Ward and Pickering Valley Elementary Schools who also did research on the Explorers. Moreover, students also discussed and were exposed to lessons about the DASD Acceptable Use Policy and plagiarism with the librarian. Over the months, students experienced booktalks, storytelling and an introduction to the author O. Henry and his use of irony to broaden their knowledge of literary devices!

Digital Citizenship Projects

Congratulations to the Author and Illustrator of the 2017 Caldecott and Newbery Medals: Javaka Steptoe and Kelly Barnhill.....