

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL



Our storytelling festival will take place on March 24th at the Lockport Public Library. It is open to all students in grades 3 and 4. Students interested in participating will have to share a folktale, fairytale, fractured fairytale, myth, legend, tall tale or fable. We will be having a grade level competition on March 19th. The top three scores from each grade level will go on to share their story at the Festival.

DIGITAL TOOLS

Here is a list of some digital tools we have used this year.

- Story Bird- digital story maker storybird.com
- Glogster-virtual poster edu.glogster.com
- Blabberize-talking picture blabberize.com
- Animoto- slideshow maker animoto.com

What's Been Happening

LIBRARY CLASSES

Kindergarten- second grade have been continuing with their weekly classes. We have been discussing authors, illustrators, and creating our own stories. Please continue to encourage your children to read the books they select from the library. We have been promoting the students to select books they can read to you.

SKYPING

Many of our classes have been Skyping with other classes in the district. We use Skype as a way to share projects and stories that our students have created.

DIGITAL STORIES

First grade has been researching in their classrooms about different community helpers. We have scanned their work into the computers and we have been recording the students. Upon completion, they will have their own digital

class book of community helpers.

STORYBIRD

Storybirds are art inspired stories. Students select artwork that inspires them. Then they use that art to develop a story. This encourages the students to be creative and to use their imagination. We have started using Storybird with kindergarten and second grade. Students in second grade will be receiving their own account so that they can work independently on this.

GLOGSTER

All second through fourth grade students have used Glogster this year to create a poster. In Glogster, students learned how to insert text boxes, pictures, and in some cases sound clips.

ANIMOTO

Mrs. Gately's 4th grade class used the program Animoto for their Native American Project.



Animoto is a slideshow maker that allows students to import pictures, music, and create text. It then takes that information and creates a professional looking slideshow.

BOOK CLUBS

One of our first grade book club has just finished Junie B Jones and the Yucky Blucky Fruitcake by Barbra Parks. We are just starting our next book The Mushy Gushy Valentine.

This next quarter we will starting another first grade book club that will be focusing on Fairy Tales. We will be reading several classic tales.

Our second grade book clubs have been reading different Magic Tree House books. They are now researching about the animals in the stories. When their research is complete, they will be Blabberizing about their animals.

We are hoping to start a third grade book club as well, see Mrs. O'Sheehan in the library if inter-

Media Lab



Our new Media Lab continues to be a huge success. Students have been able to visit the Media Lab in whole and small groups to work on laptops, iPads, and the SMART Board. Some of the programs we are doing include: Lexia, which is a reading enhancement program, Type to Learn for keyboarding skills, ELA with iPads, and math skill groups.

Check out our Student Work at:

<http://www.lockportschools.org/amlibrary>