

Smithville Elementary Library

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October is National Book Month!

Here are 10 ways YOU can celebrate!

1. Re-read one of your favorite books. Find out if it's as good as you remembered!
2. Tell a friend about a really good book you've read recently, and ask what they've been reading!
3. Watch the movie based on a book you've read. Count how many differences there are!
4. Read aloud to someone who's never heard you read—a brother or sister, a teacher, a friend, your dog, your cat, or a grandparent.
5. Check out a book you wouldn't normally read. (For example, if you usually read scary books, try a funny book, or a biography instead.)
6. Draw a picture of your favorite book character!
7. Have a family reading time. Have one family member read aloud to the others, or have all family members read their own books silently!
8. Check out a book that teaches you how to do something (like a drawing book, a cookbook, or science experiment book). Follow the instructions in the book and see what happens!
9. Search the Internet for information about one of your favorite authors or for a good book recommendation.
10. Write your own book or story!



Meet this month's featured authors...

Grade 5

"**Russell Freedman** is a nonfiction writer who prefers to be called a "factual author." He says that's because lots of people think "nonfiction" is less interesting and less important than fiction. Freedman tries to stamp out that myth with every book he writes." ~[Houghton Mifflin](#)

Grade 4

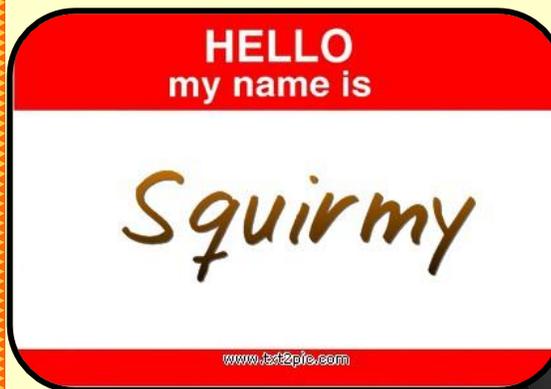
Mary Downing Hahn "has created an oeuvre of well-loved spine-chilling tales including *The Doll in the Garden*, *A Time for Andrew*, and *The Old Willis Place*. Always spooky, but never overly frightening, Mary 'has mastered the art of the not-too-creepy ghost story' (*Kirkus Reviews*). ~[Houghton Mifflin](#)

Grade 3

"I [**Steven Kellogg**] have loved picture books ever since I was a child...I always found any kind of animal story irresistible. I was an enthusiastic young artist as well." ~[StevenKellogg.com](#)

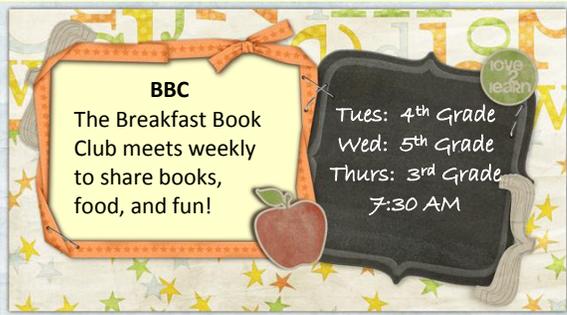
Meet Squirmy!

Thanks to everyone who participated in last month's "Name the Bookworm" contest. Over 300 students suggested names, and the school voted for their favorite of the top 8 most frequently suggested. Squirmy won, with 31% of the votes! Squirmy seems to love his new name and continues to enjoy devouring library books!



Old School

Ever wonder what your teachers were like as kids? Here's your chance to find out! To celebrate National Book Month, come by the library or check out the library blog to participate in the Old School contest! The contest will feature pictures of your teachers as kids, paired with their favorite books when they were kids! Can you guess who's who?

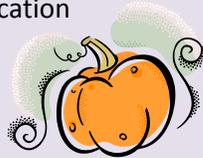


BBC
The Breakfast Book Club meets weekly to share books, food, and fun!

Tues: 4th Grade
Wed: 5th Grade
Thurs: 3rd Grade
7:30 AM

Happening in October...

- 1: End of 1st Six Weeks
- 2: National Custodial Workers Day
- 4-8: AR Store
- 5: Author David Shannon's birthday
- 6: Early Release
- 8: Author R.L. Stine's birthday
- 11: Columbus Day
- 11: Author Russell Freedman's birthday
- 19: Author Dan Gutman's birthday
- 24: United Nations Day
- 25-29: Red Ribbon Week
- 26: Author Steven Kellogg's birthday
- 28: Statue of Liberty Dedication Anniversary
- 29: Walk for Diabetes
- 31: Halloween



Character Trait of the Month

Responsibility

"You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the...seasons or the wind, but you can change yourself." ~Jim Rohn

Some Halloween Riddles...

- Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
A: He didn't have any guts!
- What do witches put on their hair?
A: Scare Spray!
- What do birds sing on Halloween?
A: Trick or Tweet!
- What do ghosts serve for dessert?
A: Ice Cream!

Check out the SES Library Blog!

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October Webquest

Follow the instructions to answer the questions below. Bring your completed webquest to the library for a prize!

Go to this website:

http://web.esc20.net/k12databases/accessK_7.html.

In the Encyclopedia Britannica box, type the word "Halloween," and click Enter.

Type in the username and password. (See Mrs. G. for these!)

Click on the "Halloween" article. Read the article and fill in these sentences:

1. The origins of Halloween date back to several ancient festivals held in the _____.
2. Pagans believed in many _____ rather than a single god.
3. The holiday is also called All _____ Eve.

Return to http://web.esc20.net/k12databases/accessK_7.html.

Scroll down to the Kids Search box. Type the words "what your Halloween costume says about you," and click Enter.

Type in the username and password. (See Mrs. G. for these!)

Find the article called "What Your Halloween Costume Says About You," and click on the button that says "HTML Full-Text."

Read the article and fill in the sentences:

4. If you're a witch, you use your _____ to help friends.
5. If you're a princess, you have a _____ personality.
6. If you're a clown, you love _____ friends with your sense of humor.
7. If you're a pirate, you are _____.
8. If you're a ghost, you are quiet and _____.
9. If you're a cat, you are fun-loving and like to check out cool new _____.