

Learning Center Monthly Report

November 2009

Teacher Requests for Collections

- *gingerbread boy/man and variations
- *legends, especially Native American
- *Rosemary Wells books
- *poetry
- *Thanksgiving
- *3 Little Pigs, 3 Billy Goats Gruff, 3 Bears
- *S.Murphy math series
- *Jan Brett books

Staff Activities

- *Use of new web-based catalog and office functions (Follett DESTINY)
- *Resource lists (bibliographies) posted electronically for teachers and parents
- *Kathy attended the American Association for School Librarians conference November 5-8
- *Kathy continued *Writing for Understanding*, a district course for effective writing instruction
- *Inter-library loans made for Westford, Summit, and ADL

Small Groups

- *Guided reading group was begun with a group of first graders. Will end before holidays.
- *Third grade small group started. Focus: Reader's Theater/podcast production of a Native American legend. Group will end before holidays.

Special Activities and Programs

- *Hosted "Third Thursday" on November 19. Displayed "teacher favorites" for a book display. Kathy booktalked approximately twenty holiday books. The library webpage was shown and discussed. Parents are invited to check back often for changes and to provide feedback about content they'd like to see on the webpage.
- *In November we built lessons and activities for students around *Where's Waldo?* (books by Martin Handford) All grade levels had to "find" Waldo when practicing skills appropriate to their grade—letter/sound recognition for K's, characters and setting for 1's, reading call numbers and locating books on the shelf for 2's and 3's.
- *Our first "Prize Week" of the year took place in November. Students are rewarded (at random times during the year) for returning materials on time.

Library Space

- *Space used for 3 meetings after school, plus Daisy scout meetings every other week.

Total circulations: 1432 (one week vacation is reflected in this number)