Settling in at Lurgan Elementary

It has been a pleasure to come on board at Lurgan Elementary as your new librarian. I have really enjoyed getting to know the staff and students and have appreciated the warm welcome I've received from all. The library is such an exciting place to work, from kindergarteners who clap after I finish reading a book to fifth graders who are savvy on laptops to all the great classes in between! I enjoy getting to know what the kids like to read and what topics they want to know more about, as well as identifying what skills I need to teach for them to become lifelong information and library users.

To keep you apprised of the many goings-on in your library, I'll be sending home several newsletters such as this one. Hope you enjoy!

Mrs. Berrier

Books We Couldn't Do Without!

Some materials in our library just get checked out OVER and OVER -- whatever would we do without them?

Here's a guessing game for students, teachers, and parents: Can you name some materials that you think are the most popular -- the ones checked out the most often?

Check the back page of this newsletter for answers ........ but be sure to guess first!

Chambersburg Reads ........ about Quilts

Lurgan students participated in the community-wide "Chambersburg Reads" program in October. The focus this year was having children and adults throughout the community explore and enjoy books that contain the art and/or history of quilting. Favorite stories at Lurgan included Oma's Quilt, Winter Lights, and Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt. Our second graders, along with all other second graders across the district, had the opportunity to meet the author of Sweet Clara, Deborah Hopkinson. These quilt books continue to be popular checkouts for our students.
Library Lunch Book Bunch
Twelve book-loving fourth and fifth graders will be participating in a lunchtime book club beginning in January. We’ll meet on Day Five each week to discuss our thoughts about a book that we’re reading. We’ll be reading and discussing highly-regarded books written for upper-elementary children, including novels, poetry, and nonfiction.

Yeah, but what about AFTER school?
Don’t forget the resources and services offered at our public libraries. Please visit them to stock up on reading for the holiday vacations and cold winter months:

Franklin County Library System:
http://fcls.org/cdlhome.htm

Franklin County Bookmobile:
http://www.fcls.org/bookmobile/bookmobile.htm

Shippensburg Public Library:
http://www.ccpa.net/cumberland/cwp/view.asp?a=1294&Q=474281

Want some book ideas before you go to the library?
Looking for award-winning books? Here’s an extensive list of links to get you to them:
http://www.childrenslit.com/award_link.html

Looking for books that boys will love?
Check out Jon Scieszka’s site: http://www.guysread.com/

And the winners are. . . .
the most popular materials in our library are

* ANIMALS!!!!!! Especially the Nature’s Children series

* I Spy books

* Black Lagoon books

* Sports Illustrated for Kids magazine