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## 2nd Graders Choose Annual Valleycott Award Winners!

Grade 2 library classes, recently studying Caldecott Award winning picture books (awarded as such by the American Library Association for outstanding artwork), spent January evaluating 25 of 2021's best illustrated picture books and finished voting for their annual Valleycott Awards! The Valleycott Awards represent what the 2nd graders feel are outstanding examples of picture book artwork, and the 2nd graders also wrote group letters to each of the winning illustrators. This year's Valleycott winners included "There's a Ghost in this House" by Oliver Jeffers, and "Fred Gets Dressed" by Peter Brown.



## 5TH GRADERS SHARE DIVERSITY STORY WITH VALLEYVIEW CLASSROOMS!

On January 26th, Valleyview School celebrated Diversity Day with the distribution of diversity-themed books to each classroom library thanks to a generous financial donation by the PTO. Also,

Ms. Shelp's 5th grade library class visited each classroom so 5th grade partners could read & discuss the diversity-themed book "All Are Welcome" with students. Thanks to the PTO for their support of Diversity Day events!





announcements each day!

In January, Kindergarten & 1st grade library classes enjoyed Author of the Month books by Ezra Jack Keats, followed in February by Jon Agee. 3rd grade library classes have been busy working on a countries research project, and Mrs. Goss' 5th graders are almost finished with their 5-week "Library Survivor" unit, based on the popular TV show. That's what's up!

## 4th Graders Share Research Project!

In January 4th grade library classes used the PebbleGo database to learn about and create writing pieces based on the lives of famous Black Americans. These writing pieces included an illustration of each famous person and were used for the library's "Celebrating Diversity" book display in honor of Black History Month. 4th graders have also been sharing their writing pieces on the morning