

# Valleyview Library

# Newsletter



## Kindergarten & 1st Grade Library Classes Complete Pigeon Projects!

Kindergarten & Grade 1 library classes in November read Author of the Month Mo Willems' "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus," discussed his simplistic yet humorous illustrating style, then created their own Mo Willems pigeons for themselves. Kindergarteners made pigeons out of cardboard tubes, while 1st graders made pigeon necklaces & pigeon hats. They did a great job following directions, and enjoyed bringing Mo's charismatic character to life!



In November, 5th grade library classes completed a research skills project called "Fifty Nifty Facts," 4th graders began researching the lives of famous people, 3rd graders began researching life in other countries, and many Valleyview teachers recently attended a library workshop which introduced them to a terrific classroom eBooks app called "EPIC!" That's the Buzz!



## 5th Graders Create Multicultural Ornaments for Library Tree!

In what has become an annual tradition, 5th grade library classes recently created homemade multicultural ornaments for the library's holiday tree, including heart-shaped baskets from Sweden, onion dome ornaments from Russia, gold-painted walnuts from England, and paper spiders from Poland. Come see their ornaments for yourself!



## Grade 3 Library Classes "Visit" Scotland, Enjoy Fairy-Delivered Cake!

In November, 3rd grade library classes continued their reading of Folktales From Around the World by learning facts about Scotland and reading "The Woman Who Flumoxed the Fairies," which tells of a bakerwoman kidnapped by fairies so that she may bake a cake for them. Afterwards, students were pleasantly surprised to find the same fairies had apparently visited the library, leaving behind a glitter trail and a Scottish cake for them to enjoy...



# *Artistic Creativity in the Library!*

In December, Kindergarten & grade 1 library classes enjoyed reading "The Dot" by Author of the Month Peter Reynolds, which inspires readers to explore their artistic creativity without fear. Afterwards, we followed the example of the story's main character by trying to make a dot by NOT making a dot, Kindergarteners by painting and 1st graders with iPads...



## **Students Discussing Importance of Internet Safety!**

Since the beginning of school in September, during both Computer Lab & library classes, students in grades 3-5 have been watching videos about and discussing the value of Internet safety, both at school and at home. It is also very important for families to continue those conversations at home. We can all be good digital citizens with some effort!



*Happy Holidays from the Valleyview 5th Grade Library Classes!*

