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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), have spent January evaluating some of 2019's best illustrated picture books and have just chosen their annual Valleycott Awards! The Valleycott Awards represent what the 2nd graders feel are outstanding examples of picture book artwork, and the 2nd graders will be writing letters of congratulations to the winning illustrators. Greater Plains and Riverside 2nd graders are also choosing their own 2019 award winners, and all Oneonta 2nd graders will be meeting at Valleyview on February 26th for the annual mock-Caldecott book party to celebrate and share!



#### 5th Grade Pledge, Inspired By Holocaust Study, Travels Worldwide!

To mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day, 5th grade library classes learned about & discussed The Holocaust. In honor of the six million victims of The Holocaust, the 5th graders signed a pledge to spread peace & love, a pledge which was shared on the library's Facebook page, where FB users were asked to "Like" the pledge and comment with their location. With comments of support from Australia, Japan, Israel, Scotland, Germany, Florida, California, Texas, New Mexico, and many more, the 5th graders have seen firsthand the positive potential that exists with social media, and the worldwide need to feel inspired by the good intentions of others! See the other side for results infographic!









What's up? Kindergarten & 1st grade library classes have enjoyed the books of Author of the Month Jon Agee, giggling their way through "Life on Mars" and others, while 3rd grade library classes have begun a "Countries Around the World" research project and 4th grade library classes have started a "Famous Explorers" research project. That's what's up!

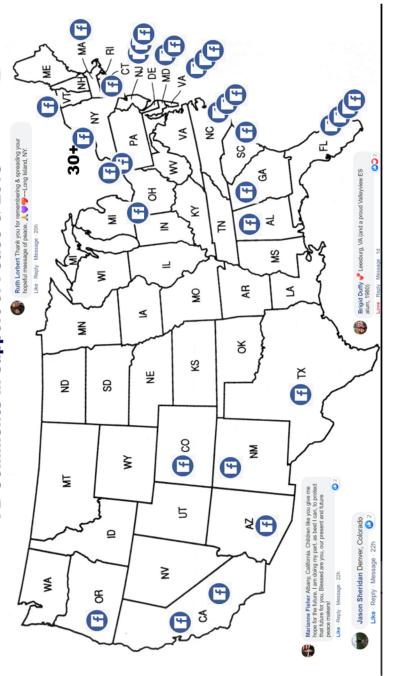


# 5th Grade Pledges for Peace & Love

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# FB Comments in support of Peace & Love





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