

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

WINTER 2024 - 25

NEW YEAR, NEW ADVENTURES

One of my goals this year is to encourage the students here at Blessed Sacrament School to expand their reading horizons, whether by reading books that are more challenging and meant to be savored rather than read in a sitting or through the exploration of genre.

Starting in January, I will be offering a Reading Challenge for the students that will allow them to break out of their comfort zone.

In addition to our time together on Wednesdays, I will be encouraging students to explore the beautiful libraries we have nearby here in the Pioneer Valley and familiarizing them with the CWMars/interlibrary loan system in preparation for independent reading over the summer.

Lastly, I'm happy to share that thanks to a generous donation, we have a fresh batch of LEGO and Minecraft build books for our students who are more interested in building worlds block by block rather than in letters.



THIS QUARTER

This quarter marked the release of the latest in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series-- Hot Mess! Third grade had the opportunity to pass around our copies and the reviews are in. Hot Mess is not to be missed!

This quarter, we also enjoyed many literary flavored crafts, such as Gingerbread People decorating to accompany Jan Brett's *The Ginger Baby*. The library was very festive with student efforts for the faculty Christmas party!

A special shout out to the fifth grade boys for their inventive beading projects!

WRITING CONTEST!

Montgomery Will (Gr. 5) will represent Blessed Sacrament School with his contribution in the LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE writing initiative from the Massachusetts Center for the Book.

Monty chose to write Peter Brown about his book, *The Wild Robot*, and the meaningful impact it has had on his life and connection to nature.