

GREENBRIER LMC

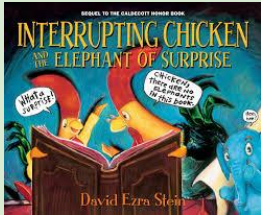


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Mrs. Palm's Picture Book Pick!

It's always time to cozy up with a good book. This issue's pick is for all of you who can't wait to tell someone what you are thinking. Remember *Interrupting Chicken* by David Ezra Stein? Check out the hilarious sequel *Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise*. You will LOL!



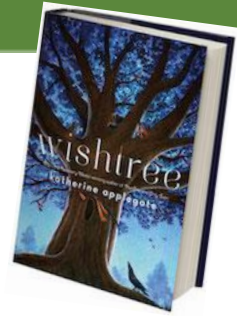
Mrs. Palm's Chapter Book Pick!

Counting Thyme explores the themes of how illness and a transcontinental move causes upheaval in a family and their relationships. If you like stories with strong girls who persevere and are resilient, you will be inspired by this book.



Wishtree

<http://www.wishtreebook.com/>



Throughout the month of October, all K-5 students at Greenbrier have been participating in a shared reading experience of the book *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate. All of the children have been completing activities in the LMC centered around the various themes and ideas that are woven throughout this wonderful book. Classroom teachers read the book to their students and we even had the opportunity to Skype directly with Katherine Applegate. This was truly a memorable experience of sharing and learning as a Greenbrier School community.

Some of the fun in the LMC!

EC	1st-3rd Grade	4th-5th Grade
<p>Readathon ~Lots of fun using iPads to work on basic skills ~Building with different shapes</p> <p>Literacy ~Felt boards & songs & read alouds</p>	<p>Wishtree ~Explored the themes of acceptance and friendship ~Design thinking ~Wishes for self, others, & the world</p>	<p>Wishtree ~Explored the themes of immigration and diversity ~Design thinking ~Wishes for self, others, & the world</p>

Tell someone what you learned in the LMC this month!

Check out the [Greenbrier LMC website](http://www.greenbrierlmc.com)

If you are cleaning out your closets...we need items for our Idea Lab!

- Ribbon
- Cloth scraps
- Felt squares
- Cotton balls
- Any miscellaneous crafting items

Technology Tips for Parents of Preschoolers

Here are some great tips from the [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#)



Here are the highlights from the article. Please click on the link above for more information

1. Use technology for communication
2. Model using technology as a tool
3. Be involved
4. Make sure your child is getting hands-on play experiences daily
5. Create boundaries
6. Be a critic for your child's sake
7. Don't let technology get in the way
8. Model healthy behaviors yourself
9. It's okay to say no
10. Be smart; be safe

Parents

The world can seem like a scary place right now with stories breaking daily on the media that may confuse and frighten your children. [Common sense media](#) is a great resource you can access to provide advice on everything from cell phone use and screen time to how to be media-smart during breaking news. Below is a [poster](#) you can download from [Kathleen Morris](#). Her tech blog has many practical articles and tips as well.

DON'T BLOCK Avoiding technology is not a practical solution.	COLLABORATE Take an interest in your child's digital interests and favourite apps or sites. Consider co-viewing or co-creating at times.	BE THE PARENT You're in charge. Set boundaries and consider filtering software.
YAPPY Teach privacy: Your full name, Address, Phone number, Passwords, Your plans		RULES Create a family media agreement with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms and meals.
CRITICAL THINKING Help children filter information and navigate fact from fiction.	Digital Citizenship & Internet Safety TIPS FOR PARENTS	LEARN Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.
UNPLUG Balance green time and screen time. Focus on basic developmental needs.	COMMUNICATE Work with your child to navigate digital dilemmas. Encourage open communication and avoid using devices as rewards/punishments.	13 + Don't support your child to sign up for 13+ sites if they're underage.
<i>Don't forget</i> YOU ARE A ROLE MODEL		
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