

# Further Up and Further In

The Newsletter of the WCGS Library Media Center

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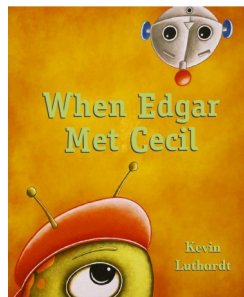
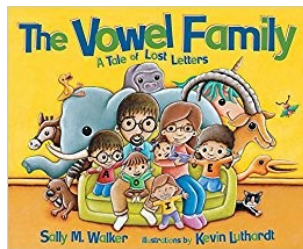
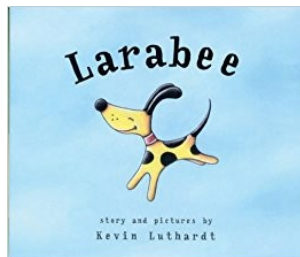
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**January/February  
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## Author Visit for Grades K-3

We are excited to welcome Christian author/illustrator Kevin Luthardt to our school on Tuesday, February 13. He will sign books (available by pre-order) before school and will do a K/1 and 2/3 presentation during the morning. During his presentation, students will learn about the process of writing and illustrating a book as well as how his Christian faith impacts his work. Students will also have a chance to practice their own drawing skills during his demonstration. A pre-order form was sent home to grades K-3 and is due January 26.



## Upcoming Events

### **February 13**

Author visit with Kevin Luthardt, Grades K-3

### **February 20**

Deadline 1  
Junior High Reading  
Program

### **March 5-15**

Monarch Award Voting  
Grades K-2

### **April 16**

Deadline 2  
Junior High Reading  
Program

### **May 2**

Junior High Reading  
Program Open House

## It Was A Rootin' Tootin' Good Book Fair!

Thank you to everyone who stopped, shopped, and helped at our Wild West Scholastic Book Fair in November. It was a great success with almost \$10,000 in sales. Our school earns at least 25% of book fair sales, and this year's fair is paying for our author visit with Kevin Luthardt, new library books, and supplies for library programs such as our junior high reading program.

In addition, because of generous donations to our All For Books drive during the fair, we were able to donate 34 books to the Hearts of Grace birthday book program at the Outreach Community Center. Thank you for donating!

Last but not least, I want to give a heartfelt thank you to Erica Rinde, who coordinated the volunteers and worked daily at the fair.



## **Don't Miss the Deadline!**

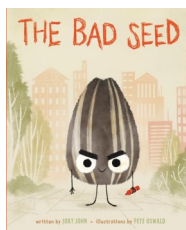
Students participating in the **Junior High Reading Program** need to have read 10 books from the list by Tuesday, February 20. Forms need to be turned in by 4:00 p.m.

## 2nd Grade Worldview Focus

This year I have implemented a new curriculum with our second grade students during library time. The focus for the majority of the year is learning to read books through our “biblical worldview glasses.” This means learning to recognize ideas in books that are either consistent or not consistent with a biblical worldview. Students are learning about themes such as transformation, redemption, forgiveness, biblical character, and a biblical understanding of God’s creation. We are learning that sometimes books that are written from a secular perspective are not “wrong,” but that as Christians we can recognize that there is “more to the story.” For example, a character who changes from unkind to kind (as in the book *The Bad Seed—a great story!*) may have changed on the outside, but God redeems us from the inside.



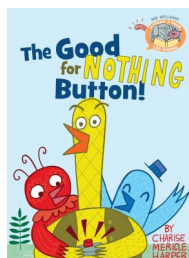
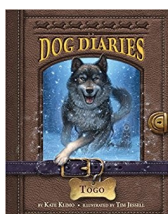
In February we will focus on God’s amazing creation and recognizing ideas in books (references to The Big Bang, etc.) that do not give God credit for all that he has made. Specifically we will look at the Fibonacci Sequence (the perfection and order of God’s creation) and bioluminescent animals (detail and the significance of light). Students will also participate in a STEM activity in which they will create a paper circuit to illuminate a picture of a bioluminescent animal.



It is my hope that this biblical world view focus will give students a foundation for discernment as they grow into mature Christian readers.

## Emma Rose Reads...and Aubrey Jane Adds...

My daughter Emma Rose (3L) is enjoying the *Ranger in Time* series and *Dog Diaries* series and Aubrey (age 4) is enjoying the new *Elephant and Piggie Like Reading* series.



## Resource Corner

### [Mrs. Brown's Blog](#)

You will find resources to help you choose books that are both engaging and appropriate on the [Parent Resources](#) page, which lists helpful sites for book recommendations and discussions of current children’s literature—both Christian and secular.



### [Library Webpage](#)

Find any library-related information you might need.

### [PebbleGo](#)

This is a digital reference tool for children in grades K-2.

**Username:** wcfgs

**Password:** pebgo



### [World Book Online](#)

This is an online encyclopedia resource for students in all age groups. World Book Kids is for grades 1-4, and World Book Student is for grades 5-8.

**Username:** wcgshome

**Password:** spartans



### [Brainpop or Brainpop Jr.](#)

A fun and interactive site that provides videos, information, games, and activities on hundreds of curricular topics. **Download the app on your phone, too!**

**Username:** wcgslmc

**Password:** wcgslmc

### [Country Reports](#) and [State Reports](#)

A resource for any research related to countries or states—grades 3-8

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## Accelerated Reader Information

There are **THREE ways** to access information for Accelerated Reader. The first two are linked under the AR page of the library website:

### 1. [Renaissance Home Connect](#):

This allows you to view your child’s AR records and bookshelf using the same password your child uses for AR at school.

### 2. [AR Book Finder \(www.arbookfind.com\)](http://www.arbookfind.com)

This site allows you to search for information on every AR book available. We don’t have all of them, but this is a great place to check the info for books from the public library, home, or Amazon. No password needed.

3. [Search our WCGS library catalog](#)—this link is on the main library webpage. AR info for each book is given in the catalog. You can even search within a certain reading level range by clicking the arrow next to *Reading Programs* and choosing *Accelerated Reader*. No password needed.