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- Ms. Cooke
- Mrs. Cruz
- Mrs. Ehrgood
- Mrs. Flerlage
- Mr. Hill
- Mrs. Ogden
- Mr. Pearson
- Mrs. Puller
- Mrs. Sahn
- Mrs. Zielewicz

South Williamsport Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Ashley Zielewicz

The Rommelt staff and students would like to congratulate our very own Mrs. Zielewicz for being named The Lycoming County Chamber of Commerce South Williamsport Teacher of the Year. Congratulations Mrs. Z!

Mrs. Zielewicz is a 5th grade learning support teacher here at Rommelt, and she has been teaching in the district for seven years. She works very hard in her classroom and with the fifth grade team. She is active in each of the fifth grade classrooms helping many students with their work.

Mrs. Z has been very active in the district during the past seven years. At Rommelt, she started the after-school tutoring program three years ago to help our struggling readers become proficient on the PSSA test. She is also a coach for one of our Interscholastic Reading Competition (IRC) teams. Mrs. Z also enjoys working with technology in the classroom and has been a leader at Rommelt with integrating technology into the fifth grade curriculum. Finally, she has also been an assistant track coach at the high school.

Congratulations Mrs. Z! The Rommelt staff and students are very excited for you in receiving this award. It is well deserved. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the success of the students here at Rommelt.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

FIFTH GRADE SOUTH AWARD

The "U" in our SOUTH award stands for understanding. In addition to striving to work hard and have organization, students that display empathy towards others, exercise self control, and treat others with respect are a delight in a classroom setting. In appreciation, the fifth grade staff would like to recognize the following students for being such fine people: Peter Sinibaldi, Cole Lentz, Emily Hennigan, Jaela House, Chris Klem, and Julia Sauer. We applaud your superb citizenship!



Emily Hennigan, Julia Sauer, Jaela House, Peter Sinibaldi, Cole Lentz, and Chris Klem

SIXTH GRADE NEWS

S.O.U.T.H.

"M-azing Mounties of the Month"

An "M-azing Mountie" serves as an exceptional role model for the school. It is a student who *strives* to do his/her best and serves as a leader and role model for peers and younger students. "M-azing Mounties" are *organized* and prepared for class each day with completed work and a positive attitude to learn. Students who earn this recognition *understand* and support others. They listen and share ideas and offer praise for a job well done. Respect is earned when students work as a *team* at Rommelt and encourage classmates to do their best.

It is an *honor* for the 6th grade team to present the following students with this special award.

December—Johnathon Covey, Sarah Bastian

Anna Plotnikova, and Kira Woltz



Anna Plotnikova



Kira Woltz



Johnathon Covey



Sarah Bastian

January—Katelyn Troutman, Alexas Brinser

Sarah Persun, Ashley Larson



Katelyn Troutman



Alexas Brinser



Sarah Persun

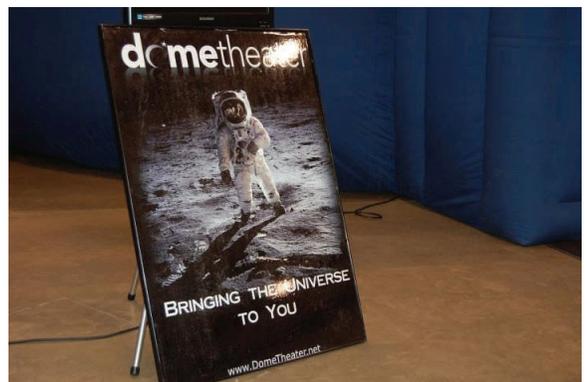


Ashley Larson

DOMES TRAVELING SCIENCE THEATRE

On Tuesday - January 10th, The students at Rommelt had the opportunity to participate in the Dome Traveling Science Theatre show which was set up in the Rommelt Gymnasium. The Dome is actually an inflatable planetarium like structure supported by moving air from an air compressor. Both fifth and sixth grades participated in this scientific activity. The topics studied ranged from the universe, Milky Way Galaxy, our solar system, cosmic collisions, history of the moon, extreme weather monitoring on Earth, and search for extraterrestrial life. Celebrity narrators included Tom Hanks and Harrison Ford whose voices are part of the computer program used. It was a fun and exciting day. The students did a great job representing our school and our community with their enthusiasm and excellent behavior. We were all thankful for this opportunity to reach students' curiosity for natural science here on Earth and in space as well.

Mike Pearson

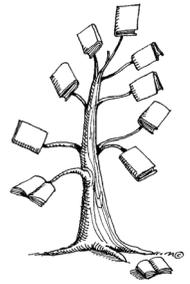


Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this great event.

TITLE 1 NEWS

Tips from the Reading Corner: Finding the perfect match...

The more you read, the better you tend to read, the more you enjoy it, and... the more you read! Keeping kids interested and motivated to read is sometimes a challenge. How do you find the perfect book that compliments your reader? Take a look at some of the tips below.



1. Hook Struggling Readers: Using Books They Can and Want to Read

One of the keys to helping struggling readers is to provide them with books that they can and want to read. Fiction for struggling readers must have realistic characters, readable and convincing text, and a sense of the readers' interests and needs. Non-fiction books, newspapers, magazines, even comic books can hook students on reading.

2. Increasing the quantity and quality of his reading

There is extensive research to support the idea that the best way to become a better reader is to read more. If struggling readers are to increase both the quantity and quality of their reading, they need reading materials that they can read and will want to read. While capable readers often have a wide range of reading interests, and can access texts in a variety of genres and levels of difficulty, struggling readers tend to be more narrowly focused both in terms of interest and ability. Finding the "right book" for all students is essential for them to build both confidence and proficiency

3. Find effective high interest, low vocabulary books

Struggling readers should not be limited to hi/lo books in all their reading. Most of us can read material well beyond our measured instructional level if we are interested in the topic and motivated to read. Similarly, even the weakest reader will struggle through a book that is "hot" or "cool".

A teacher can use a child's interests to promote titles in their classroom. A classroom "bestseller" list or book recommendations by students themselves are good places to begin. Author studies such as Jerry Spinelli or S.E. Hinton often work well because these authors have created works at a number of readability levels so that all students can be engaged in the authors' different novels. Classroom libraries should include many kinds of books, especially those with short-term popularity, so that children can join in the enthusiasm of reading a popular choice.



Matching texts perfectly to each individual reader is at times a struggle. If you are at a loss on where to start the book hunt, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in hopes of finding the perfect match for your reader!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FEBRUARY**

- 2 PTO Meeting at Central- 7:00 pm
- 3 AR Rewards—Trout Pond Park
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 NO SCHOOL
(Snow Make-up Day # 2 if needed)
- 20 NO SCHOOL
- 24 Box Top Collection
Trimester 2 ends



Winter

By Malachi Pars



Winter. fall. summer. spring are all seasons but my favorite is...Winter.

I love winter watching the snow falling in little white crystals more than ever.

Only one word. beauty. describes such a wonderful time.

I wish it was always there. the beautiful snow. Most people think snow is just frozen water but no. To me it is a way of life...

Walking through the nearby forest it is where I am at my eminence.

Winter. I loved it ever. my heart started beating.

And I hope you like winter too.