



WHES



COMING SOON IN YOUR CHILD'S READING CLASS:

- K- recognizing theme and making connections with fables and folktales
- 1- using text features to locate information
- 2- research skills: gathering resources and using text features to locate information
- 3- making predictions, drawing conclusions, and identifying cause and effect
- 4- summarizing information, elements of poetry, and elements of drama
- 5- informational text, vocabulary strategies, and main ideas and supporting details

WHES and READ ACROSS AMERICA

March is the National Education Association's month to celebrate READING across the nation! On its website, the NEA explains:

"NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

In cities and towns across the nation, teachers, teenagers, librarians, politicians, actors, athletes, parents, grandparents, and others develop NEA's Read Across America activities to bring reading excitement to children of all ages.

Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school.

Launched in 1998 by NEA, Read Across America is the nation's largest celebration of reading, focusing coast-to-coast attention on the importance and the joys of reading!"
(<http://www.nea.org/grants/70016.htm>)

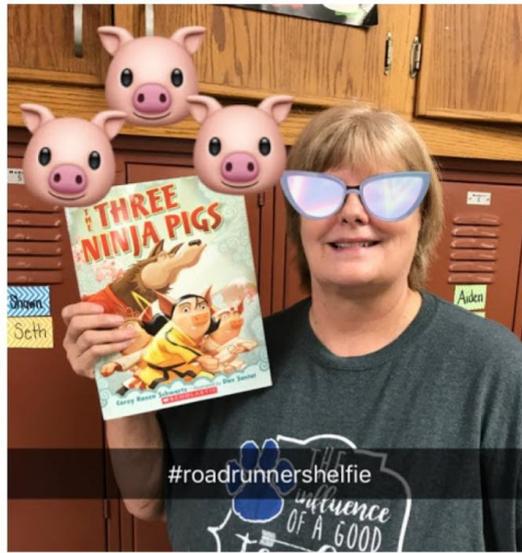
The Roadrunners of Western Hills are joining in on the fun! Know what reading skills your child will be focusing on during the month of March. See what books our teachers recommend by taking a look at the #roadrunnershelfie wall. Find out how your child can make his or her own #roadrunnershelfie. Finally, learn a few tips on how you can help improve your child's reading.

Earn AR points and create your own #roadrunnershelfie

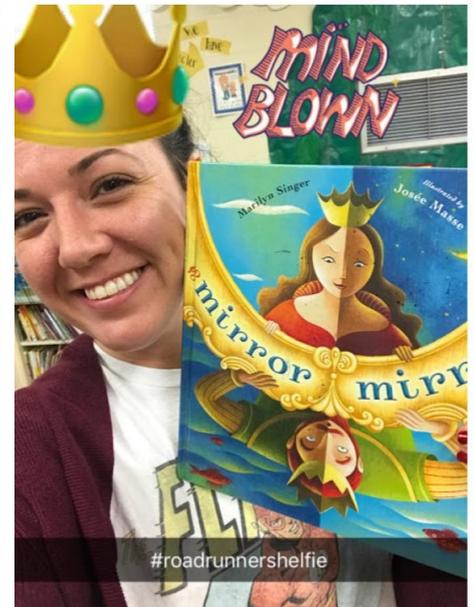
Want to take your very own #roadrunnershelfie? Ask your teacher how many AR points are needed to earn a spot on the AR Shelfie Wall. Once you reach your goal, you can create your very own #roadrunnershelfie design just like your teachers!

READY! SET!

READ! READ! READ!



As a child, I always enjoyed reading fairy tales, so I chose the fractured fairy tale, *The Three Ninja Pigs*, by Corey Rosen Schwartz and Dan Santat. For a new way to enjoy an old classic story, check it out! #roadrunnershelfie



Mirror, Mirror by Marilyn Singer and Josee Masse is an amazing poetry book. By simply changing the order of the words in each poem, it completely changes the point of view. I love the interesting twist on each page. #roadrunnershelfie



How Can I Improve My Child's Reading?

By: Beverley B. Swanson

What does research say?

Ways parents can help their children with reading:

- Provide a good role model — read yourself and read often to your child.
- Provide varied reading material — some for reading enjoyment and some with information about hobbies and interests.
- Encourage activities that require reading — for example, cooking (reading a recipe), constructing a kite (reading directions), or identifying an interesting bird's nest or a shell collected at the beach (using a reference book).
- Establish a reading time, even if it is only ten minutes a day.
- Write notes to your school-age child; encourage written responses.
- Ask your child to bring a library book home to read to a younger sibling.
- Establish one evening a week for reading (instead of television viewing).
- Encourage your child in all reading efforts.

**"You're never
too old,
too wacky,
too wild,
to pick up a
book and
read with a
child."**

-Dr. Seuss



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