



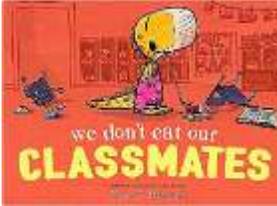
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A Message from the President



It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all. . . .

Readers will gobble up this hilarious new story from award-winning author-illustrator Ryan T. Higgins.

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Dear Fellow SARA Members;

As we approach a new school year (and the welcome relief of lovely Fall weather), we renew our commitment to the promotion of reading and writing among our local students and teachers. The Executive Board of SARA has met twice over the summer planning events for the coming year and we hope you will be as excited as we are about what is being scheduled.

November 3, 2018: Our annual **Fall Conference** is November 3, 2018 at Del Dayo Elementary School, 1301 McClaren Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is eligible for six (6) PD hours as directed by your district. This conference is typically a sell-out and very popular, featuring guest speakers and authors, curriculum networking, as well as door prizes and lunch. The featured speakers this year are Dr. Gretchen Bernabei, Dr. Silvia Reyes, Sharon Zinke. Their bios are cited below.

March 16, 2019: Our annual **Spring Conference** will be a half-day conference this school year on March 16th, 2019. Pam Allen is slated as one of the speakers and even though the morning will fly by, there will be enough time for you to peruse the curriculum vendors who are available to answer your questions. More details will be provided in our newsletters on our new website <https://sacareareading.com/> as we get closer to the date of the event.

April 4, 2019: **Lighthouse for Literacy** has proven for many, many years to be a winning celebration honoring teachers and their principals for outstanding service to children in their quest for reading, literacy, and writing. It has been a memorable event with testimonials of honorees as they discuss their individual and collective strategies for fostering literacy among their students. Start thinking now about someone on your faculty who may be deserving of the Lighthouse for Literacy award.

May 1, 2019 (date to be confirmed soon): Writers' Showcase is our "pearl in the oyster,"... so to speak. If you've had students entered in previous years, you know that I'm not overstating the comment. Teachers begin to collect writing samples from their students from the beginning of the year for the purpose of displaying student works at the annual Writers' Showcase. The early evening event features a guest author and a gift of one of the author's books as well as Certificates of Achievement, videos of student speakers, and refreshments. The Writers' Showcase last year had record attendance with standing room only. Begin collecting student writing now early in the year. Students love it; parents love it; principals love it... and you will too! More details to follow as the date approaches.

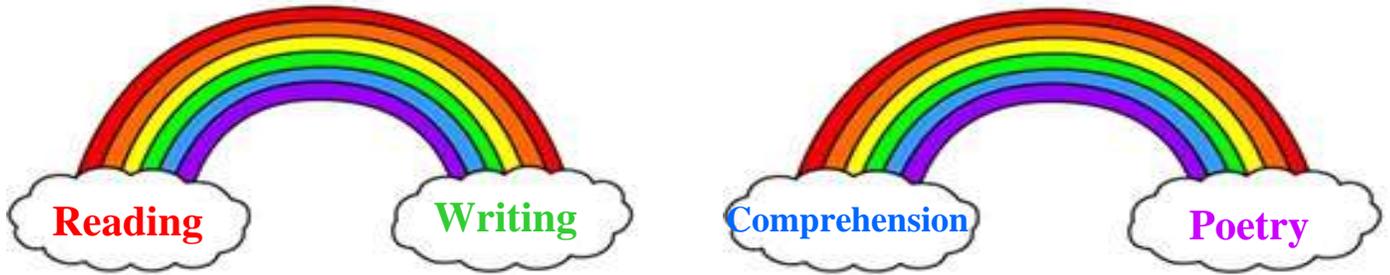
I look forward to serving as your SARA president for the 2018/2019 school year. We hope you will visit our website, <https://sacareareading.com/> for SARA and community updates. We intend to primarily "go-digital" in the future with SARA newsletters by emailing them to our membership, but will gladly mail our newsletter to you if you so designate. Go to the [Become a Member page](#) on the website to fill out the form (even if you are already a member) to designate if you want a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to you.

Thanks for all the work you do serving your students, schools and communities.
Christine Squires, President
Sacramento Area Reading Association (SARA)

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Rainbows to Literacy Conference



Gretchen Bernabei, Dr. Silvia Reyes, Sharon Zinke

November 3, 2018

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Gretchen Bernabei has taught school for over 28 years and is the author of many books such as “Why We Must Run with Scissors”, “Voice Lessons In Persuasive Writing”, “The Good Writer’s Guide”, “Trail of Breadcrumbs”, “Crunch Time”, and many others. She lives now in San Antonio, Texas with her husband and two children.



Sharon Zinke is a literacy development and reading intervention specialist and author. She has worked extensively with elementary, middle school and high school students struggling with reading. Most recently, she has worked with elementary and middle schools in the Bay Area to quickly raise the decoding and word recognition levels of student at multiple grade levels. She teaches courses at the University of California, Berkeley and works with classroom teachers, literacy coaches, and special education teachers to plan effective classroom strategies for struggling readers. Her new program, called “Rime Time” has been very successful with students of all ages.

Silvia Reyes served as a member of the Expert Panel for the development of the California English Language Development Standards and the Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee for the California State Department of Education. She is a well known national consultant in the areas of curriculum design, staff development, and parent involvement. In collaboration with the Council of Chief State School Officers, and the California Department of Education, Silvia coordinated the Spanish translation and linguistic augmentation of the Common Core State Standards.





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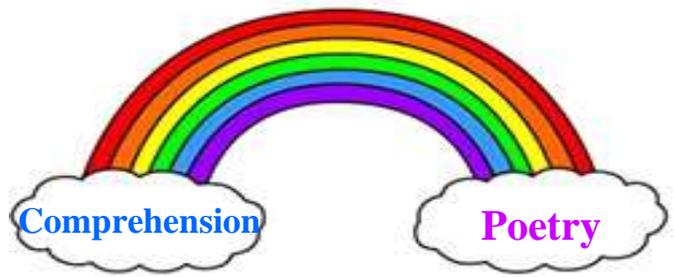
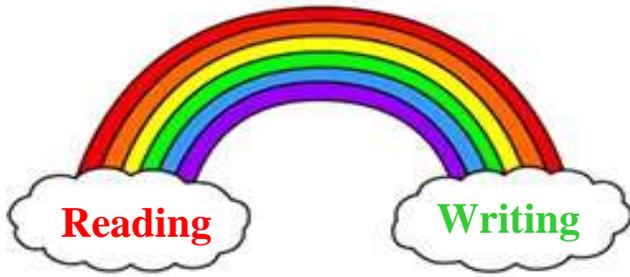
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Librarian's Corner

Featuring Angela Juline, Librarian
Williamson Elementary
Folsom Cordova Unified School District

With the start of a new school year, I experience such excitement about welcoming students to the library. At the same time, I am overwhelmed because I want to implement all these ideas that have been swimming in my head these past few months. New start, new ways, right? So, where to begin? Well, the first thing is to just breathe - and then get down to work. After I tackle the necessary job of freshening up the library space, I decide what book I should read for the students' first visit. Although it sounds like a simple task, I put a lot of pressure on myself to choose that perfect book (even when I know there are very few perfect books). I want my enthusiasm for reading to spark this same passion in every student I encounter. Some titles I've read in the past include: Stella Louella's Runaway Book by Lisa Campbell Ernst; The Librarian from the Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler; Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen; Our Librarian Won't Tell Us Anything by Toni Buzzeo; A Library Book for Bear by Bonnie Becker; and, My Teacher is a Monster (No I Am Not.) by Peter Brown.

While I may have enjoyed these stories, I certainly didn't get a feeling of success in terms of discovering that perfect read aloud. Upon reflection, though, perfection is not what I should strive for - exposure is. This is the lesson I want to instill. You often read books you don't enjoy - but that can only be figured out once you've opened the book and read it. I know there is a book for every child - but it's not necessarily going to be the **same** book for every child. And, that's ok (I need to keep repeating this to myself). It's ok if not every student enjoys the book I select - just like it's ok for each student to choose books he/she may not like either. The key is to read! The more you read, the more likely you are to find the perfect book for YOU (e.g. Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech for me)! With that said, I will be reading This is a Book by Lane Smith - ever hopeful this is the year I will discover that "WOW" book!



The SARA newsletter will be sent digitally to our members in the future. If you need to have the newsletter mailed to you, please contact our membership chairperson, Suzi Landuyt at slanduyt@sanjuan.edu.

FALL BOOK NOOK 2018
by Joanne Arellanes

At the opening of the school year, educators focus on community building strategies and activities. We want our classrooms to reflect thoughtfulness, acceptance, and safety. They bring to mind books old and new which promote these qualities.

Safety is the number one element in any classroom. One of my all-time favorites is *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman. Officer Buckle goes from school to school presenting safety tips to the children. What he doesn't realize is that his canine companion, Gloria, is the real hit of each assembly as she performs hilarious antics behind Buckle's back. Sadly Officer Buckle catches on to the reality and is depressed. The story ends happily when both Officer Buckle and Gloria work out a routine where both excel and are appreciated. As a follow-up to the story, students can brainstorm safety tips for the classroom/school, create colorful posters, and then post them. They are taking responsibility for their own actions and promoting positive behavior in their school mates. Rathman's other books are delightful, too.

Respect, as Aretha Franklin reminded us, is a quality everyone desires, and all recognize bullying as disrespectful. Two popular books deal with bullying, one overtly, and another more symbolically. *The Recess Queen* by Alexis O'Neil and *One* by Kathryn Otoshi reflect ways individuals or groups can recognize and combat bullying. Even *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt subtly addresses name calling, working together, fairness, and inclusiveness. In reality, each classroom is like a box of crayons with teachers and children having worth and needing affirmation.

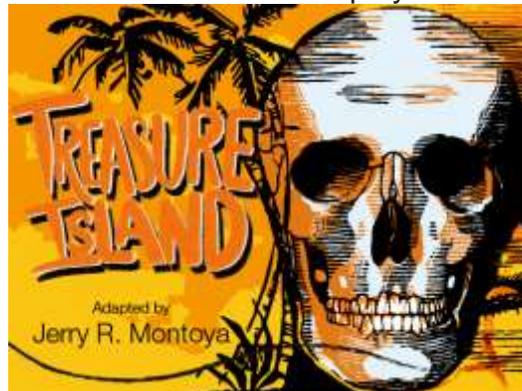
Often students are ostracized from group activity for things over which they have no control. The ancient tome still in print, *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes tells the story of a girl who pretends to have 100 dresses, even though she has just one. She is ostracized by girls in her class as is the character in *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson. Too late, classmates in both stories recognize the hurtfulness of their behavior. Brainstorm inclusiveness at its most basic by helping children learn one another's names and using them when addressing or responding to each other.

A hilarious read aloud is *The Greedy Goat* by Faye Bolton. Each turn of the page finds the greedy goat gorging on some inappropriate "food". Gradually the goat turns a variety of colors as she gets sicker and sicker. As the story ends, the goat has learned a lesson, but has she??? Here is a perfect vehicle for introducing appropriate/inappropriate behavior and consequences. What does it mean to be greedy? Conversations to address behavior, time management, materials use, etc., can be introduced while building that academic vocabulary. Instead of pointing out negatives, teacher and students can casually identify someone turning "purple", for example without mentioning names.



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