



# LANINGHAM'S LYNX

Canyon Springs STEM Academy

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## End of 2nd Quarter Newsletter

It's that time again, when a quarter is ending and we are getting ready to start new novels and activities. Please take a moment to read through and see what we have done and what we have planned. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me. I hope you and your families have a wonderful Winter Break!

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### Winter Break Learning Assignment

#### Grades 3 & 4: Chasing Vermeer

- ◆ Students need to read the novel and complete the Mini-Book Project - Due Tuesday, Jan. 7th
- ◆ January 6th - 10th: Students will work with partners on more novel activities.

#### Grades 5 & 6: Historical Fiction Literature Study

- ◆ Students need to read the novel they chose and complete the Mini-Book Project - Due Tuesday, Jan. 7th
- ◆ January 7th & 8th: Students will work with groups/partners to create digital presentations to the rest of the class - Due Thursday, Jan. 9th

#### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who ordered book orders and who donated to our project on DonorsChoose! Because of you, we have been able to get several books sets and books for our classroom library. We even have some DonorsChoose Gift Cards/Credits waiting for our next project. I have some ideas; we just have to wait until after Winter Break to set them up.

#### Help Needed

- ◆ All we need is \$50 to fund our Scoot-pad program for the rest of the school year. This is for all grades 3rd - 6th. If you can help, please follow the links on my website. You can donate right in the program.
- ◆ We always need color pencils and paper towels.
- ◆ Order books from our book orders. All purchases from the Scholastic book orders earn us free books for our classroom.

#### Field Trip

I am thinking about doing a field trip to the Phoenix Art Museum to help inspire a creative writing assignment. I will send home the information after I am able to put everything together.

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# What's Going On In Class?

## Grades 3 & 4

### 2nd Quarter- What We Did...

- ◆ Read the novels: *Boy* by Roald Dahl and *My Daniel* by Pam Conrad
- ◆ Read the nonfiction book *Sue the Dinosaur* and built museum models
- ◆ Continued working with the DLPs, Vocabulary, and PDSA Cycles
- ◆ Explored Haunted House Creative Writing
- ◆ Started ScootPad
- ◆ Went to see the play *Edward Tulane*

### 3rd Quarter - What We Will Do...

- ◆ Classroom activities with our Winter Break assignments
- ◆ Read the novels: *Hatchet* and *Island of the Blue Dolphins*
- ◆ Continue working with the DLPs, Vocabulary, and PDSA Cycles
- ◆ Continue working with ScootPad
- ◆ Go on a field trip?

## Grades 5 & 6

### 2nd Quarter- What We Did...

- ◆ Read the autobiography: *Knots in My Yo-yo String* by Jerry Spinelli
- ◆ Read & discussed our Autobiographies in our Study Groups
- ◆ Explored Haunted House Creative Writing
- ◆ Continued working with the DLPs, Vocabulary, and PDSA Cycles
- ◆ Started ScootPad
- ◆ Went to see the play *Edward Tulane*

### 3rd Quarter - What We Will Do...

- ◆ Classroom activities with our Winter Break assignments
- ◆ Read & discuss in our Nonfiction History Study Groups
- ◆ Begin reading and discussing *Going Solo* by Roald Dahl and *War Horse*
- ◆ Continue working with the DLPs, Vocabulary, and PDSA Cycles
- ◆ Continue working with ScootPad
- ◆ Go on a field trip?



We will not have SAGE on Tuesday, 12/17. I will be conducting the Winter Gifted Testing. Students will stay with their homerooms/grade levels and work on their novel assignments.