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| <p>New Year's Resolutions</p>  <p>New Year's Resolution Week. Many people make resolutions for the new year to lose weight, eat more healthy foods, read more, exercise more, being more kind and many more. Make a list of at least 3 things you would like to do this year and work on them for your new year's resolution.</p> | <p>National Soup Month. Do you have a favorite soup or kaddo? I love corn soup and chicken kaddo. This month in January, ask your parent or grandparent if you can help them make soup or kaddo for the family lunch or dinner. Read the book "Soup Day" by Melissa Iwai or watch it on YouTube. Take pictures or draw yourself in the kitchen helping make the soup or kaddo, or write down the recipe.</p>  | <p>TECHNOLOGY National Technology Day. Look around your house and talk about all the technology in your life with your parent or grandparent. What is your favorite type of technology? Ask them what kind of technology did they have when they were kids. Look for this book online and read it: <i>Technology: A Byte-Sized World!</i></p> |
| <p>National Science Fiction Day January 2nd is National Science Fiction Day. Celebrate the genre of science fiction with <i>Iron Man: Invasion of the Space Phantoms</i> for a Marvel chapter book with some of your superhero favorites! Draw your favorite Marvel character and write about his/her superpowers.</p>  | <p>Learn at home K-5 Choice Board</p> <p>Directions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 2 squares, each week, in any order you choose. Cross out the box when you complete the activity. Invite your brother, sister or parent to complete the activity with you. SHARE. Take pictures and share with family, friends and Mrs. Quinata. Email me pictures or put your writings/drawings in the folder and return it back to school. HAVE FUN! Visit the website for more activities. <p>Email: muleslibrary@gmail.com Website: http://muleslibrary.weebly.com/</p> | <p>Korean American Day. January 13th is Korean American Day. Imagine trying to blend two countries and two cultures, and now imagine doing that as a young child. Read <i>My Name Is Yoon</i> to find out about how a young child from Korea is doing just that in her new home, the USA. Use a globe or an atlas to find where Korea is and learn 5 words in the Korean language. Go online.</p>  |
| <p>Australia Day January 26th is Australia Day. Australia is both a continent, an island, and a nation. Read about Australian animals in <i>UNIQUE! Australian Animals</i> to learn more about kangaroos, koalas, and many more. Find where Australia is on a map, globe or Atlas book. How far is it from Guam to Australia. Google it.</p>  | <p>Hunt for Happiness Week The 3rd week in January is Hunt for Happiness Week. This celebration of Hunt For Happiness Week encourages us to take a closer look at what we define as happiness. Read <i>Grow Happy</i> to learn how happiness is cultivated & grown, much like a tending to a garden. List 5 things that make you happy.</p>  | <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Who is MLK Jr.? Read <i>Martin's Dream Day</i> or another book about Dr. King from the RIF Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr collection. Then test your knowledge about MLK and the Civil Rights movement.</p>  |
| <p>National Pizza Week National Pizza Week begins the 2nd Sunday in January and is observed for a full week. That's a whole lotta pizza...or just a slice of one of America's favorite foods! Read <i>Secret Pizza Party</i> to find out how to plan a secret pizza party! What toppings do you like on your pizza?</p>  | <p>National Hat Day January 15th is National Hat Day. We wear hats for protection, for warmth, for style, and for many other reasons. Read <i>Old Hat New Hat</i>, a Berenstain Bears book. Write a 5 line poem about a hat. Here is a starter if you need help. "I like my hat, don't you"</p>  | <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Who is MLK Jr.? Read <i>Martin's Dream Day</i> or another book about Dr. King from the RIF Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr collection. Then test your knowledge about MLK and the Civil Rights movement.</p>  |



Hi boys & girls,

Welcome to year 2021. I bet you all have grown at least 2 inches since I last saw you. Did you make any new year's resolutions or goals you want to work on this year? Let's be positive and make this year a great year.

This month's lesson is on genres. Genres are the different kinds or types of books. Just like how there are different kinds of music and movies. For example, different music genres are country, rap, hip hop, jazz, etc. What genre music do you like to listen to? What genre books do you enjoy reading? In the next few pages, you will get to know some genres of books. Enjoy the activities and continue reading every day.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Quinata

This month's lesson is on Genres. Study the different types of book genres below and work on the activities on the next pages.



Fairy Tale

A fairy tale features magical and enchanted forces. They have a "happily ever after" ending, where good is rewarded and evil is punished.



Realistic Fiction

A story using made up characters, but could happen in real life.



Science Fiction

A type of fantasy that uses science and technology.



Fables

A fable is a very short story that teaches a lesson or moral. In most fables, the characters are animals.

Legends

A story from the past that embellishes and exaggerates the life of a real person. The story makes them famous for their deeds.



Biography

A story of a real person's life that is written by another person.



Historical Fiction

A fictional story that takes place in the past. The setting is real but the characters are made up.



Poetry

Poetry is verse written to create a response from the reader. It often uses rhythm and rhyme.

**Circle the correct book genre the passage is describing.**

1. You are reading a book about Zach King the famous TikToker and You Tuber. You learned so much about him such as when he was born, where he is from and how he got started in creating tricks and illusions on video. This book genre is a:
- A. Realistic Fiction B. Fairy Tales C. Biography D. Poetry
2. In this book, a young girl was being mistreated by her step sisters. She went to a dance where she lost her slipper. A handsome young man found it and searched for the owner. When he matched the slipper to young girl, they fell in love and rode off with a horse to his castle. This book genre is a:
- A. Science Fiction B. Legend C. Historical Fiction D. Fairy Tale
3. A family was on their way to America in a huge ship called the "Titanic." While on the ocean, the ship started to sink. The father of the family had some knowledge of how to steer a big ship and helped the captain steer away from the icebergs. This book genre is a:
- A. Biography B. Historical Fiction C. Science Fiction D. Legend
4. A hare and a tortoise are in a race. The tortoise wins the race. The moral lesson of the story is that you can be more successful by doing things slowly and steadily than by acting quickly and carelessly. This book genre is a:
- A. Fairy Tale B. Science Fiction C. Fable D. Legend
5. In this story, a long long time ago, there lived a young boy who was the son of the chief.. He had enormous strength that he pulled out tall coconut trees with his hands, carried huge rocks and jumped from one island to another. This book genre is a:
- A. Realistic Fiction B. Fairy Tale C. Biography D. Legend
6. Jennifer was a new student in the 4th grade. The school program was about to begin. She was very nervous because she was about to do her juggling act. This book genre is a:
- A. Legends B. Fables C. Realistic Fiction D. Science Fiction



Auntie Sue wants to give books to her nieces and nephews for their Christmas presents. She wants to make sure she gives them the genre that would most interest them. Read the notes she took for her list. What genre book do you think she should get for them? Write the genre next to the line of each of the names of her nieces and nephews.

Lazaro loves Star Wars and anything about outer space. He watched all episodes and thinks about what it is like in the future.

Evita has a great memory. She memorized a lot of facts about famous actors, singers and leaders. She even named her puppies Arianna, The Rock, and Elvis.

Mia went on a family vacation to Disneyland. She took a lot of pictures of the magical castle. She said it was so beautiful that she wishes there was castle like that on Guam that she can visit often.

Xavier likes watching the History Channel and likes going to the museums. He says he loves it because he likes learning about what happened in the past and it makes him feel like he was there.

Samaria loves art and music. Her favorite singer is Taylor Swift. She keeps a little notebook of poems she has written and hopes one day they will turn into lyrics for songs.

Zachariah is a very patient boy and loves animals. He plays with them, takes good care of them and knows a lot about them.

Christmas List (genre books to get—choose from page 2)

1. Lazaro — _____

2. Evita— _____

3. Maria— _____

4. Xavier— _____

5. Samaria— _____

6. Zachariah— _____