

Month: November **Grade:**Library

Special Events: Each year students from all over Kansas start hearing about the newly nominated William Allen White books. Several librarians and teachers from all over the state get together and read books from different publishers, different genres, and different authors to compile the William Allen White nominee list. The award is named for William Allen White, who was the long-time publisher and editor of The Emporia Gazette. The William Allen White Award is the oldest statewide children's choice book award in the United States - one of the few awards where the winner is selected by children,

Once these titles have been selected they are separated into two groups -- one list for grades 3-5 and one list for grades 6-8. The list is introduced to the students at the beginning of the year, then book-talked a few months later just to refresh their memories. The students are required to read at least 2 books from the list, if they wish to vote. They can decide to vote for one or both lists. The voting takes place in April. This year, the library is going to celebrate our William Allen White readers by hosting an ice cream sundae party for students that read at least 3 books. The party will be held during the first week in May. E

Curriculum: The library has been a very busy place so far this year. Perry Elementary students are learning the difference between fiction and non-fiction, parts of a book, and discussing point of view and characters, along with, talking about how to be safe online. Students are also practicing ABC order, book care and other new library skills to help them checkout books that are just right for them. We have had several author studies, book hunts for just right books, and a non-fiction book review. The students are reading and look forward to getting new books each week. Thank you for taking the time to read your child's library book , it helps to build their vocabulary, their reading skills, and gives them confidence to select books that are just right for them.

At Lecompton Elementary, we have had several author studies, explored tall tales/legends, reviewed book care jeopardy style, and discussed digital safety. Recently students completed a scavenger hunt of the online Destiny catalog. This helped them to learn about the information that is provided in the catalog on each book. They located: title, author, reading level and call number. All of this information will help them determine if the book is a good fit for them and how they can locate in the LES library.

Reminders: