

Writers' Workshop

On Friday, February 3, students submitted their first drafts. The Reading Committee comprised of teachers and staff at Hoffman have spent the past two weeks reading and commenting on the students' writing. Drafts were returned to students last Friday, February 17. Students should spend these next weeks editing their stories taking into consideration comments made by the reader of their story. Second drafts are due Friday, March 3.



Guidelines to follow:

- ✓ 2-5 pages in length
- ✓ double spaced
- ✓ typed or neatly printed
- ✓ neatly presented
- ✓ include a cover with the student's name and classroom teacher's name



Writers' Workshop Due Dates

Friday, March 3 Second draft due
Friday, April 7 **FINAL COPY DUE**

Book Swap Basket

Students are invited to participate in the Book Swap. This is a way for students to exchange books from their own collection at home with other Hoffman students. When your child has outgrown a book they own, they may place it in the Book Swap Basket in our LRC and take another book in its place. When they are finished with that one, they may swap all over again!



3rd Grade Father and Son Book

The LRC is offering a final book discussion group for the 2005-06 school year. This last group is for third grade boys and their fathers on Thursday, March 23 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Join other fathers and sons in our LRC for lively discussion, fun activities, and refreshments.

The title of the book we will discuss will be made available soon. Registration forms will be sent home with all third grade boys the first week of March.

This event for parents and their child is a wonderful opportunity to spend some special time together reading and sharing a beautiful story.

Read Across America

Hoffman School will be celebrating NEA's Read Across America event on Thursday, March 2, 2006. This annual event is a reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or around Dr. Seuss's birthday. Guest readers have been invited to read their favorite story to a class the morning of March 2. Our guests this year are:

Dr. Gerald Hill
Dr. Jill Engel
Mr. Brett Clark
Dr. Barb Ramsey

Mr. John Swanson
Mrs. Pam Cullotta
Mr. Mark Walther
Miss Maria Pontillas

Mrs. Jeanne Kennebeck
Miss Jillian Markowitz
Ms. Pamela Clifford
Ms. Carol Christensen

Mrs. Nina Malis
Mrs. Sue Munro
Ms. Laura Nekola

Birthday Books Help Our Library Collection Grow



The LRC offers an exciting opportunity for you to celebrate your child's birthday and add books to the library collection at the same time!

For a \$10.00 donation, your child may select any book from a special selection reserved just for birthdays. Once a book is chosen, a special bookplate will be placed in the book with their name and birthday. Your child's name will be entered into the computer as the donator, and he/she will receive a special certificate of appreciation. They will then be the first student to check out the book. When the book is returned, it will be available for other students to check out and enjoy even beyond your child's Hoffman School years.

Children take great pleasure in giving a special birthday book which benefits all current and future Hoffman students. A good school library collection makes for enthusiastic readers! We urge you to consider the Birthday Book Club.

THANK YOU to the following students who donated these books to the LRC !

Dina selected Dragon Slayers' Academy: A Wedding for Wiglaf?
Alex selected The Giving Tree
Ellie selected A Coal Miner's Bride
Brandon selected Cheaper by the Dozen
Anna selected Bow Wow Meow Meow
Ajay selected Welcome to the USA: Illinois
Francesca selected Squashed in the Middle
D.J. selected The King of Mulberry Street
Adrian selected Shredderman: Enemy Spy
Michael selected Shredderman: Meet the Gecko
Kathryn selected A House of Tailors
Marc selected Gladys Goes Out to Lunch
Charlie selected Pig on the Titanic
Christopher selected Handbook of Knots
Jessica selected Dragon Slayers' Academy: The New Kid at School
Craig selected Dragon Slayers' Academy: Revenge of the Dragon Lady

