

Fall 2013

Welcome Back!



Statesmen
Library Times

Gordonsville Elementary School is **Wild About Learning** this year! So we are going to have a rip roaring great time in the library supporting our new theme. We will be going on plenty of safaris and jungle treks this year, so pack your bag full of imagination as we begin our journey!



Author Study: Jan Brett

Jan Brett is a multi award winning children's author and illustrator. She is well known for her beautiful illustrations and stories depicting animals as the main characters. Her book *Honey... Honey... Lion!* will be a library read aloud this month. To learn more about Jan Brett, please visit her website at

<http://www.janbrett.com/index.html>

Fun safari & jungle reads:

- *Jungle Drums* by Graeme Base
- *Rumble in the Jungle* by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowczyk
- *Nim's Island* by Wendy Orr and Kerry Millard
- *We All Went on Safari* by Lauri Krebs
- *Safari, So Good! All About African Wildlife (Cat in the Hat's Learning Library)* by Bonnie Worth, Aristides Ruiz, and Joe Mathieu

Upcoming Events:

- 9/19 Back to School Night
- 10/2 Reading Olympics 3 PM
- 10/30 Character Costume Party 6 PM
- 11/20 Family Fun Night 6 PM
- 12/9 - 12/13 Winter Scholastic Book Fair

Library Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:00 - 3:30

Open during lunch
& recess

The mission of the Gordonsville Elementary School Library Media Center is to enable students, staff, and other members of the school community to be literate, critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, skillful researchers, and ethical users of information; empowered to succeed as life-long learners. The library media center strives to provide the school community with a wide range of materials in all formats for all curriculum content areas.

Meet Your Librarian: Mrs. Gordon

I have always loved books. I was an Army brat and moved around a lot as a child, so I found great solace in the library. I have an elementary education teaching degree and an eleven year history of being a stay at home mom to my three great kids, two of whom attend GES. I recently went back to school and got my degree in School Library Media and find myself right back in the library I spent many hours volunteering in. I don't have nearly as much time as I'd like to, but I still love to read. My favorite children's books are *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss and *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. My favorite authors as a child were Beverly Cleary and Judy Blume.

My job as the school librarian is to:

- Foster a love of reading in your child and introduce new genres, authors, and subject matter
- Teach your child to become independent thinkers, information gatherers, researchers, and to share their knowledge ethically and productively
- Expand their use of technology when researching information

I look forward to my journey ahead as the librarian of GES.

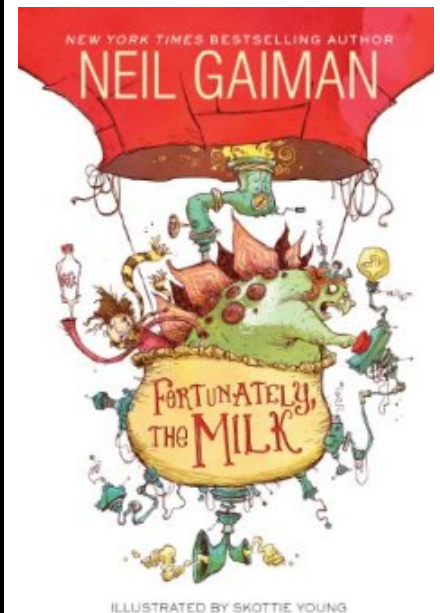
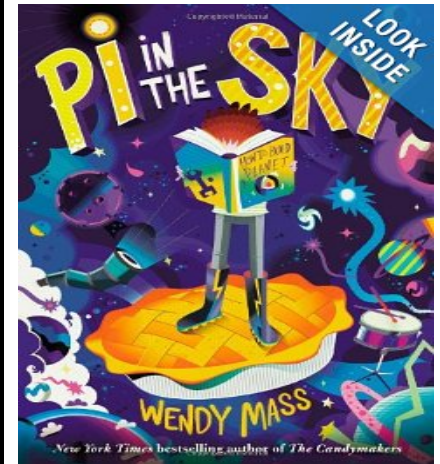
Parents, I am here for you too! Questions, concerns, or book recommendations, please don't hesitate to contact me. The Library Policy manual can be viewed from the school website at

<http://hcps2.hanover.k12.va.us/whes/library.htm>

Contact Information:

Mrs. Stephanie Gordon, GES Librarian
(804) 732 - 2300
gordonsl@k.12.hcps.va

New Releases in the GES Library



Lots More to Read!