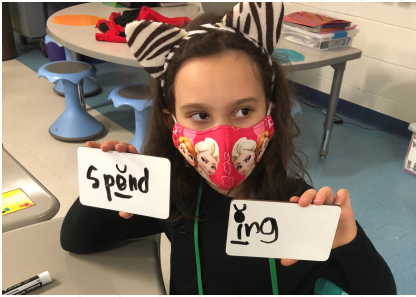


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REALLY GREAT READING CONTINUED

We adopted Really Great Reading. This curriculum provides daily, systematic instruction in foundational skills that leads to strong decoding and fluent readers. Our kindergarten through second-grade students participate in this program daily.

Instruction during acceleration utilizes this program to remediate decoding issues. We are excited to see the gains our students make with the help of Really Great Reading!



PRIDE SLIPS AT SWARTZ

For several years, Stella May Swartz students have earned Pride Slips for following our expectations: be safe, respectful, and responsible. This year, we are using them to promote community and teamwork. Students continue to earn pride slips for demonstrating our expectations. Each student's slips are collected daily and added to the grade level's total. Each grade level is working toward a grade-wide incentive. The current incentive is crazy hair day. The purpose of the slips is to encourage expected behavior, which is a recommended practice of Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS). We are continuing our work to promote positive behaviors at Stella May Swartz!

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MEET MRS. FORNER

Mrs. Forner is the new Library Media Center Assistant at Stella May Swartz. Mrs. Forner attended Illinois State University and received her undergraduate degree in elementary education with endorsements in reading, language arts, social studies, and science. She attended Concordia University Chicago and received her master's degree in reading education with an endorsement as a reading specialist. She was a classroom teacher for six years and has spent the last two years working in a public library. Mrs. Forner loves to spend time with her husband and two dogs! She's thrilled to be back in a school and to have joined the District 48 community. We are so lucky to have her!



MEET MRS. ROSS

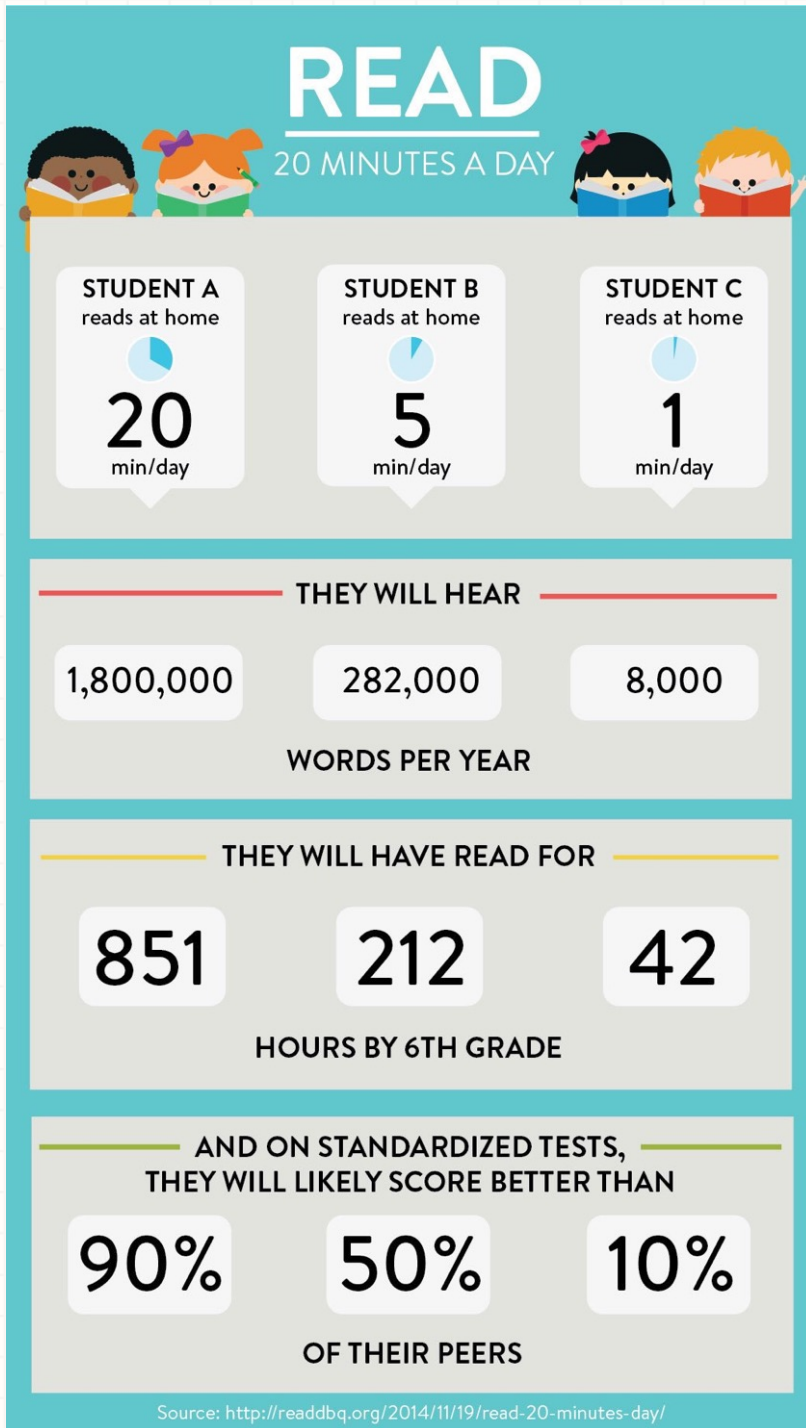
Andrea Ross is the Library Aide at Salt Creek Primary. Her own children went through Salt Creek School District and she has loved the library ever since! She coordinates checkout, storytime, and special projects like Library Dog and the Literacy Backpacks. In addition to helping with technology issues, Mrs. Ross hopes our students learn to love books! Mrs. Ross lives in Elmhurst; you may occasionally see her walking her two crazy dogs through the park. In addition to reading, Mrs. Ross loves to write and is the author of two books, "Let the Lions Roar! The Evolution of Brookfield Zoo" and "Edith: The Rogue Rockefeller McCormick." You can find more about her writing at www.friedericicross.com.

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READING CORNER

Our reading specialists, Mrs. Cluskey and Mrs. Engel, have so much knowledge to share. Keep coming back for more facts and tips on promoting reading at home. Take a look at the infographic to the left. What a difference reading twenty minutes a day at home makes!