

*It's Winter Time!*  
Time to read!!

# Mrs. Labansky's Literacy Newsletter

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Reading Challenge Recap

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Dear Families,

Believe it or not, we are coming up on the half-way point in the school year and it's the most wonderful time of the year! The excitement of the holidays are behind us, classrooms routines are like well-oiled machines and your child is in the heart of their learning. ❤️

As mentioned in my last newsletter, we've taken a deep dive into looking at our curriculum and approaches to teaching reading. We've shifted away from memorizing snap words and we are focusing on how the letters in snapwords work or how they break the phonics rules we are learning. While our students may not have a list of words memorized, they are learning **SO MUCH MORE** about the way letters work and how they work together in words. Ultimately that will have a greater impact on their reading success.

This has been especially exciting in second grade as students' spelling is improving and they are beginning to focus on their reading fluency and tackling bigger words. In first grade, students are learning more and more about words and beginning to scratch the surface of words with silent -e and vowel teams. And our kindergartners will now take what they know about letter sounds and begin to read and spell simple words with short vowels and common word endings. Oh. So. Exciting for them. ❄️

Of course, families are the first and forever teachers and if you are reading this newsletter I cannot thank you enough for your ongoing support in your child's learning. Check out the information regarding our Winter Reading Challenge and a summary of our successful Fall Reading Challenge.

Be sure to cozy up with a good book this winter. 📖

Much Gratitude,  
Mrs. Labansky



Want more information about how  
you can support your child's  
literacy success at home?

Click the snowflake!



That is the percent of our students who are now part of JTPS's Reading Wall of Fame! Our school goal is to have 100% of our students' name listed on our Reading Wall of Fame by JUNE!

**So- how can we make that happen?**  
Complete our **Winter Reading Challenge!**

Each season this school year we are offering reading challenges. It started with the **Summer Reading Challenge**. Then, we offered a **Fall Reading Challenge** and now we are launching our **WINTER Reading Challenge!**

We had nearly 100 JTPS students visit the library this fall and the librarians were **THRILLED** to see so many faces come through the library. It warmed their hearts.

With that, there's no better way to keep their hearts warm this winter than to continue our partnership with our local library. Our **WINTER Reading Challenge** will be a **Library Passport** that will have you checking out all different genres and topics for you to read with your child this winter.

**WAIT. THERE'S MORE!**

The class that returns the most completed passports will celebrate with extra recess!

More information will be coming home soon. Keep your eyes peeled! 👁️