



Shelf Indulgence

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WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

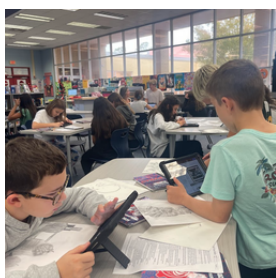
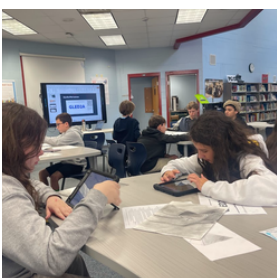
- MakerSpace with Access
- iPads & Art
- Blind Date with a Book
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Literacy Week

Unwrap the Fun – Full Access in the MakerSpace

December started with the Access Unit creating decorations in the MakerSpace. Students designed Christmas ornaments on Tinkcad then 3D printed the designs. Once the designs were printed, the students hung them on their tree in the classroom. To add to the festive feeling, they created holiday stockings with vinyl names and heat pressed them.



iPads Meet Art Critique: A New Era of Digital Feedback



Students in Mr. Doenges's art class drew still life pictures. Faced with the issue of how to upload the pictures for online critiquing, Ms. Barnard borrowed iPads from Instructional Resources and Media Services for his classes to use. Students were able to use the camera feature of the iPads to take a picture of their artwork. They then submitted the picture through Adobe Classroom. Finally, they were able to use Padlet to critique each other. Students used multiple digital tools to get from one point to another.



Unique Skills Swipe Right on their Next Read

The activity “Blind Date with a Book” has students meet books they have never met before. Ms. Torboli brought her Unique Skills classes to the Media Center for this activity. For a digital spin, Ms. Barnard printed out QR codes that lead to Teachingbooks.net which gave the students information and a preview of the book. Some previews had the author reading from his or her book. Students used the iPads that Ms. Barnard borrowed to scan the QR codes.



READ, LEAD, AND SUCCEED: CELEBRATING LITERACY WEEK

Literacy Week was the last week in January. Several activities were held in the Media Center. Students participated in contests so they can Play the Plinko and win prizes. Door Wars ended with Mr. Stevens’s Squid Game inspired door winning first place. The students who created the door were given a Dunkin Donuts Breakfast and a morning in the Eagle’s Nest. During this time, the Media Center also hosted the Scholastic Book Fair. A donation from United Way helped 50 students buy books from the fair. The culminating event was the Breakfast of Champions--a catered breakfast from Wawa that was funded by a grant from the PTO. Students who participated in the breakfast either read SSYRA novels, played Genre Bingo, or made gains on PM2 ELA Fast.

Library Data December 2024- January 2025

- Total Circulation: 2909
- Total Independent Student Check-Ins: 1949
- Top Circulation by Homeroom:
 - Coach Lightsey
 - Mr. Huffman
 - Coach Razey
- Top Titles by Circulation (non-class sets):
 - *The Mystery of the Radcliffe Riddle*
 - *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess*
 - *New Dragon City*



NEW YEAR ME!

SJCSD Technology Lending Community

Contact your Library Media Specialist to learn more about checking out these items



Do you want to try out new technology and STEM activities in your classroom? SJCSD has a Technology Lending Community Library!



- Lego WeDo2.0
- Lego Spike Prime
- Lego Spike Essentials
- Lego Bricq Prime
- Lego Bricq Essentials
- Lego STEAM Park
- Sphero
- Ozobots
- Code-A-Pillars
- BeeBots
- Code Hoppers
- iPads
- Surface Go