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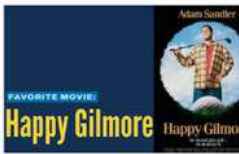
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An Intense Year in Review: Students Create, Reflect, and Read with Adobe Express

As 2025 came to a close, Ms. Torboli's Intensive Reading classes wrapped up the year in a creative and intense way—by becoming digital storytellers.

Using Adobe Express, students designed and produced "Year in Review" videos that highlighted their top movies, music, and books of 2025, blending personal interests with reading, writing, and media skills. The project served as both a celebratory reflection on the year and a meaningful literacy activity.

Throughout the process and with Ms. Barnard's guidance, students learned how to plan content, organize ideas, and communicate clearly through visuals, text, and audio. Adobe Express gave students an accessible platform to combine images, video clips, transitions, and captions, enabling them to creatively showcase what resonated with them most over the year.



Students Test Their Black History Month Knowledge with Kahoot!

During their ELA class rotation, students learned about Black History Month by exploring important historical figures, events, and contributions that shaped history and culture. To check their understanding in a fun and engaging way, students played Kahoot, where they answered questions based on what they had learned. The activity encouraged friendly competition, and students were excited by the chance to earn a reward from the Mystery Box, making learning both meaningful and memorable.



Falling for Reading: Valentine's Day Goes Literary with a Blind Date with a Book

Students recently explored the world of literature through an engaging lesson on the different literary genres, learning how stories can vary in style, theme, and purpose. After the lesson, students were invited to take part in a fun and interactive activity—a "Blind Date with a Book." Each book was carefully wrapped in a paper bag so the cover remained a mystery, with only a brief genre description written on the outside. Using what they had learned, students selected a book based solely on the genre clues, encouraging curiosity and open-minded reading. The activity sparked excitement and helped students discover new types of books they may not have chosen otherwise.



Turning Up the Heat at the Annual Media Center Chili Cook-Off

Fun and fellowship filled the Media Center during the Annual Chili Cook-Off on February 18th. Teachers and staff shared their best chili recipes and tasty accompaniments in a friendly competition. Ms. Barnard took first place with her flavorful Chuck Wagon Chili, followed by Ms. Houck's Gobbler Chili in second and Mr. O'Neil's Campfire Chili in third. The event was a delicious celebration of community and school spirit.



Battle of the Books
We Beat Murray!



Members of the Battle of the Books Team showed dedication and teamwork as they worked hard to answer questions based on the Sunshine State Young Readers Award novels. The team competed in a virtual battle on March 24th against other St. Johns County middle schools, demonstrating strong comprehension and quick thinking. The team was led by captain Daniel Wooldridge and included Jack Guernon, Lyric Gibson, Hannah Schaefer, Mia Terrazas, Sanay Patel, and Ariel Pitzalis. After an exciting day of competition, the students celebrated their efforts with a well-earned pizza lunch from Five Star Pizza.

Collaborating with Mr. Collester's Band Classes for Research



Just the Facts: Library Data for February and March 2026

- Total Circulation: 3267
- Total Independent Student Check-Ins: 2227
- Top Average Circulation by Grade:
 - 7th grade average 6.7
 - 6th grade average 6
- 8th grade average 5.5
- Titles Checked Out (non-class sets)
 - Secrets of the Broken House
 - Hoop Con
 - Brick, Dust, And Bones

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

**WANT TO SEE HOW THE MEDIA CENTER CAN HELP YOU?
WE CAN ALWAYS "STOP, COLLABORATE, AND LISTEN"
TO GET YOU ON OUR CALENDAR!**