

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

This month, working with all our grades, we are finishing lessons about **Digital Citizenship**, which is the first step to Media Literacy. Addressing the 21st century skill of digital citizenship is important, because it helps students to learn, communicate and collaborate safely and responsibly. Being a responsible digital citizen in the community includes having online etiquette, reporting and preventing cyber bullying, learning how to protect private information, etc.

THIS MONTH

Sophie In January, Blackall's "Hello,Lighthouse" won the 2019 Randolph Caldecott Medal. (Mrs. Reinert predicted this Caldecott winner!) The award is given to an illustrator for the year's most distinguished American picture book! This book is a tale of working and living in a remote lighthouse and pays tribute to the difficult job lighthouse keepers for performed centuries. The Newbery and the Caldecott awards are the most anticipated of the prizes given annual out by the American Library Association. Curious about the book? We have it on our shelf!



WHAT IS NEW?

More and more students are using **Nearpod** in the Media Center, a platform that enables us to create engaging learning experiences by providing interactive presentations, collaboration, and real-time assessment tools into one integrated solution.

DID YOU KNOW?

Iceland with just over 300,000 people has more writers, more books published and more books read, per head, than anywhere else in the world. Dating from the 13th Century, Icelandic sagas tell the stories of the country's Norse settlers, who began to arrive on the island in the late 9th Century. Sagas are written on napkins and coffee cups. Each geyser and waterfall has a tale of ancient heroes and heroines attached. Public benches have barcodes so you listen to a story on your smartphone as you sit.



Happy Birthday Judy Blume!

Every month we celebrate those amazing writers who create books that kids love.

February features **Judy Blume**, who turns 81 on the **12th**.

She is an American writer known for children's and young adult fiction books. Some of her works are *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Superfudge* and *Freckle Juice.*

Students are welcome to stop by to check our display and learn more!

