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Dear Parents,

In the November issue of e-School News, the lead article headlined this topic was entitled, [“How Schools are Reimagining Learning Spaces.”](#) In this article, it boiled the concept into these three ideas,

One, The leaders and teachers at schools should not be afraid to rethink what school should look like and what practices will work best for their students.

That schools use curriculums which free teachers from being the main source of instruction and allows them to try more alternative teaching methods like block scheduling, personalized learning, project-based learning and more.

Last, schools need to embrace change and realize it is a process. By adopting a growth mindset, schools and their leadership will be able to overcome any initial issues and then begin reaping the rewards of blended learning.

I hope you can see the same exciting direction that SVAS is headed. I believe that our school will become a model not only for private Christian education here in Simi Valley but all Southern California and even out to the North American Division of SDA Education. As a teaching staff we have taken up the purpose, and I am seeing exciting new avenues of education happening at each level. Please come by and visit us to see just how great we have it now and imagine with us just how amazing our future is going to be.

As soon as I hear about our grant money, I will inform our stakeholders. No news, for now, is good news. God has His time and ways, I trust in Him.

I would love to see all our families at this coming **Thursday, February 16**, event. SVAS will hold our annual **Valentine’s Banquet in our gym at 7 p.m.** We will have delicious food and great fun. These activities are great steps to making the families in our school and church closer. I know you will enjoy yourselves and have a nice meal.

Some of you have asked for a copy of our **TAX ID**. I have it in the office for those that need it or a copy of our W-9. A few new things for your calendar.

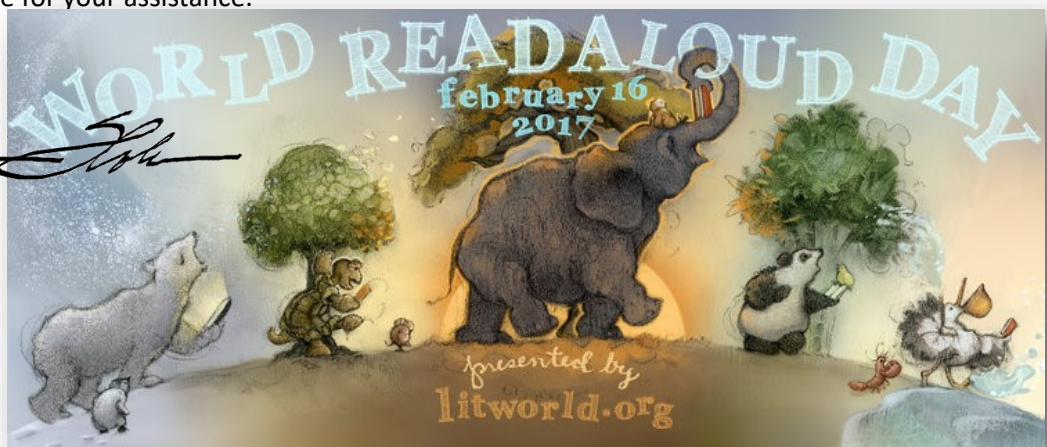
This **Thursday, the 16th**, is also **World Read A Loud Day**. In this issue, I have attached some reading suggestions to make this day special at home. We are planning some fun events to commemorate at school. If you want to help, let your teacher know you can come in and read to the students. Our reading event will be a great time to start thinking about the **Read A Thon in March!** More details later!

Feb 21, we will have a large dumpster container on campus due to a large amount of big and unusable items that need to disappear from our campus. Our dumpster will be an “anything” container. If you have time to help us load call Simone and schedule a time for your assistance.

In Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephen Stokes'.

Stephen Stokes
Principal



Read Aloud Suggestions by Topic

Belonging

Picture Books

The Gift of Nothing by Patrick McDonnell
Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Anderae
Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto
Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco
Llama Llama Misses Mama by Anna Dewdney

Poetry Books

"Night on the Neighborhood Street" by Eloise Greenfield
The Flag of Childhood:
Poems of the Middle East by Naomi Shihab Nye

Chapter Books

Wonder by RJ Palacio
Fresh Off The Boat by Eddie Huang
The Junkyard Wonders by Patricia Polacco

Curiosity

Picture Books

Roxaboxen by Alice McLerran
Sky Color by Peter Reynolds
Hello Ocean by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Journey by Aaron Becker
Llama Llama Holiday
Drama by Anna Dewdney

Poetry Books

"Salsa Stories" by Lulu Delacre
A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein

Chapter Books

Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Unstoppable Octobia May by Sharon Flake
Nightbird by Alice Hoffman
Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman

Friendship

Picture Books

The Adventures of Beekle:
The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat
The Friendly Four by Eloise Greenfield
Ninja Bunny by Jennifer Gary Olsen
Llama Llama and the Bully Goat by Anna Dewdney

Poetry Books

"Build a Box of Friendship" by Chuck Pool
"Monsters I've Met" by Shel Silverstein

Chapter Books

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Finding Audrey by Sophie Kinsella
I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda,
Caitlin Alifrenka and Liz Welch



Read Aloud Suggestions by Topic

Kindness

Picture Books

Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson
Z Is for Moose by Kelly Bingham
I Broke My Trunk by Mo Willems
Llama Llama Time to Share by Anna Dewdney

Poetry Books

"The Invitation" by Shel Silverstein

Chapter Books

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
The Women Of Brewster Place by Gloria Naylor
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Courage

Picture Books

Rad American Women A-Z by Kate Schatz
Planting the Trees of Kenya by Claire A. Nivola
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa by Anna Dewdney

Poetry Books

"On the Pulse of Morning" by Maya Angelou

Chapter Books

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
Heat by Mike Lupica
Gaby, Lost and Found by Angela Cervantes

Confidence

Picture Books

Exclamation Mark by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Alvin Ailey by Andrea Davis Pinkney
When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip
Hop by Laban Carrick Hill
Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney

Poetry Books

"By Myself" by Eloise Greenfield
The Dream Keeper and Other Poems by Langston Hughes

Chapter Books

The Green Bicycle by Haifaa al Mansour
Freckle Juice by Judy Blume
Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings by Deborah
Hopkinson

Hope

Picture Books

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day by
Judith Viorst
I, Too, Am America by Langston Hughes
A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream by Kristy
Dempsey and Floyd Cooper
The Infinite Song by Andrea Freeman

Poetry Books

"Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes" by David Roessel
Honey, I Love You and Other Poems by Eloise Greenfield

Chapter Books

Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill
The Thing About Luck by Cynthia Kadohata
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai