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Thank you for reading the weekly edition of the Gilbert Linkous Elementary "Orange Notes!" In this newsletter, we have consolidated our special events and memos into one grouping. You can also check out our online version at "gles.mcps.org" > 'For Parents' > "Orange Notes."

Read Across America Week

Read Across America Week is coming to GLE during the week of March 1st through March 5th. Find the flyer [here!](#) Let's read and grow together throughout the week as we explore some of the recommended books. Remote students can participate by sending a photo of your outfits to your homeroom teacher. We will also have the following dress-up days:



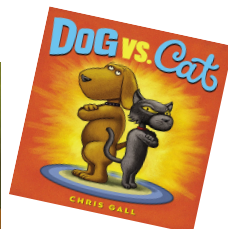
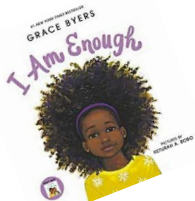
Monday: Read a silly story and wear a silly outfit.

Tuesday: Read a story about a famous American and dress like them.

Wednesday: Read about an influential athlete and wear something to represent your favorite team.

Thursday: Read a book about a different culture. Wear something to represent your family's culture or your hometown.

Friday: Read some of GLE's favorite books and wear GLE school colors to show your school spirit.



5th Grade Verification

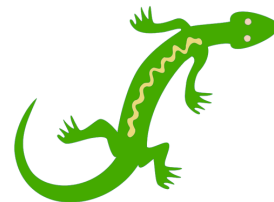
Fifth Grade Parents/ Guardians are reminded that the residency of all rising sixth grade students must be verified during the second semester to ensure that rising sixth graders register at the middle school that serves their residential zone for the 2021-22 school year.

If you have not yet done so, please provide two documents to verify residency by March 1, 2021. Documents may be brought to the school, sent by students, or scanned and emailed to rcromer@mcps.org. The two documents must include the physical address of your residence. Examples of acceptable documents include a current deed or lease agreement and telephone, electric, utility, or cable bills. Please feel free to call the school with questions.

If your residence or contact information has changed, please make sure that the school is aware of the new information. We appreciate your cooperation as we implement the current policy.

Read-A-Thon! PTO Update

Students have read over 7,000 minutes so far! We challenge each child to reach 12,000 minutes before Wednesday, February 24th! Don't forget to fill out the google form.



Ask your student about Sora.



Sora

The student reading app

Dear Families,

MCPS Libraries are committed to bringing unique learning opportunities to our students. We are excited to introduce a new, free reading service providing digital books through Sora, the student reading app. All MCPS students now have access to thousands of eBooks and audiobooks through both MCPS and our Public Library system right on their chromebook!

Sora is an app with 24/7 access to ebooks and audiobooks. Students do NOT need a public library card to access these resources. Students will instead use their mcps google accounts to sign in and check out. School Librarians are working to make sure that each student knows how to access Sora and connect to the school and public libraries to search for and check out books. The free Sora app is already on your student's chromebook. Students can find it by going to their gmail and clicking on the apps waffle or by visiting soraapp.com.

It's convenient for students to check out titles at home, on the weekends, or during school breaks with no worry about misplacing a book. These digital titles automatically return at the end of the lending period.

We are grateful to our public library system for partnering with us to provide our students with access to their resources!

Questions? Contact **Mr. Guinn - GLE librarian** at bguinn@mcps.org

Happy Reading!