

## GUES who is the new librarian?

### HI! I'M SO EXCITED TO HAVE YOUR CHILD IN THE GUES LIBRARY THIS YEAR!

My name is Shana Fields and my family is new to Guthrie. I have a son, Max who is in 5th grade at GUES, also! I love books, I love to read, and I'm excited to help all of our 5th and 6th graders find new books this year that they love!

### SO MANY NEW THINGS!

## OUR FIRST BOOK CHALLENGE

**YOU MAY HAVE HEARD FROM YOUR KIDS,** we are trying a lot of new things. We are not doing Accelerated Reader (AR) this year. We are doing a reading challenge instead, called Tower of Books.



### THEY WILL GET TWO CHALLENGES THIS YEAR - ONE FOR THE FALL & ANOTHER IN JANUARY.

My goal is for them to try different kinds of books. They can choose whatever books they want for the challenge and in addition to the challenge. Some of the books on the fall challenge include biographies of people living and historical, fractured fairy tales, non-fiction and fiction books with talking animals, a how-to book, a book that rhymes and so on. They can earn prizes and a donut/breakfast party.

*We have a few kids already half way!!*

## WHAT WE ARE READING

### WHEN YOU COME FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE CHECK OUT THE PHOTOS BY THE LIBRARY ENTRANCE

Our books are so hot, we had to wear shades! All the teachers are pictured with their favorite books. Throughout the year, we will be adding photos of the students with their favorite books. I am hoping to post a sign of what I'm currently reading, and I told them to ask their teachers, too! We want to cultivate an atmosphere of loving to read!



**We are also doing Pizza Hut Book It! Read books for free pizzas!**

## Join us for our Book Fair October 12-25!

Along with Parent-Teacher, we will have our bi-annual book fair! We will have it set up in the back of the library by the door close to the cafeteria & gym.

### NEW BOOKS!

New books are starting to arrive!

**Half Price Books** donated 180 books to our library! **Please thank them if you shop there!** Everyone is so excited to check them out soon. We also subscribed to the **Junior Library Guild**. You might notice on books you purchase, that sometimes they say "Junior Library Guild Selection." JLG picks the best books every month and sends them to us. We will get 7 different titles every month. They also are sending us about 160 other books from their past lists! In addition to all this, we will order new graphic novels, non-fiction and popular series books soon.

### WHAT YOUR CHILD HAS LEARNED

- So far this year, we have
- > Changed chairs and moved quickly around the library in 90 second increments to explore different areas and talked about new book releases
- > Learned about the book challenge and how to search our collection's database
- > Learned about Banned Books Week. We learned that we all like different things and if we all banned books we don't like, there aren't many to choose from.
- > Learned about the Dewey Decimal system and which books are in the non-fiction section and where they are. This lesson will help them with testing.

We will be continuing to have booktalks, alternating with library/media center related lessons throughout the year.