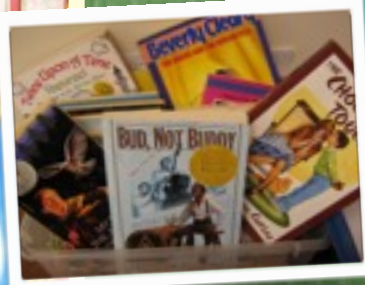


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3RD AND 4TH GRADE GATE



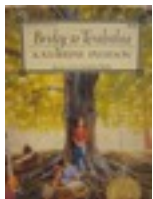
Which book will you choose for YOUR book club book?

Better than Oprah's Bookclub!

Everyone knows that when OPRAH puts a book in her bookclub, LOTS of people will be inspired to read it!

What will happen when GATE students have a book club?!

Read more to find out!



Third and fourth grade GATE students may not be as famous as Oprah (yet), but they know about good books! As I thought about what motivates ME to read a certain book, I decided that a recommendation from a friend is my

favorite way to choose a new book. Your friends may have similar interests and they know what you like to read. I think WE can read and INSPIRE others to read great books, too!

How will this work?

GATE students will each choose a book from my list or choose a book of their choice for my approval. After reading the book, the student will write a script. The student will be like a news reporter or book critic telling kids why they just HAVE to read the book. We will video these reports in class, create a podcast or short iMovie and post them on my class webpage for all to see and enjoy! I have had emails from people in

Indiana, Las Vegas, and other parts of Alabama asking me about different articles on my website before. My dream is for us to be able

www.donorschoose.org

Go to "See Projects", choose Alabama, choose Albertville and look for our Better than Oprah's Bookclub listing!

to INSPIRE, not just AES students, but students from all over the world to read the great books that we are reading! I think we can do it! WE can INSPIRE others!

www.classjump.com/mrsadamswebsite



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Donors Choose Grant

Late one Saturday night I got so excited about this book club idea that I wrote a grant hoping to get 37 great new books for our classroom. I have either read these books or they have been recommended to me by other teachers. I have not read all of them.....yet! You can see our grant proposal by going to www.donorschoose.org. Go to "See Projects" then choose Alabama, then Albertville. You can see all of the projects for which Albertville teachers have applied. Ours is toward the last of the Albertville list and is titled "Better than Oprah's Bookclub!" My hope is that some nice stranger will like our idea and want to sponsor this project! All we need are the books! We have all the technology to create quality, interesting podcasts or movies and can complete these in class! In the mean time, we CAN check out books from the AES library and the Albertville Public Library. Both have lots to choose from!

SONIC funds grants for teachers through Donors Choose!

If you purchase a drink from SONIC between now and October 1st, there will be a code label on the drink. You can use this code to go to limeadesforlearning.com to vote for our class grant "Better than Oprah's Bookclub!" If you do not

want to add the code on the internet at home, send it to school and your child and I will do this in class! You can find my proposal through [searching Alabama, Albertville, and then look for my project! The # is 299109. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT! Whatever project wins by popular vote will be funded by Sonic! Wouldn't that be GREAT!? Thanks!](http://www.donorschoose.org)

Bookwink website

To get an idea of what I have in mind for our video podcasts, check out www.bookwink.com to see examples of "book talks." There are lists of books by grade level, subject area, and videos to view before deciding which book to check out. It is a great source for finding books that interest you!

Shelfari

You all may have already seen my "shelfari" on my class website. This is an internet based "bookshelf" where people can keep up with books they have read. Check mine out! Parents, if you want to create a "shelfari" for your child at home, that is fine! I have found it to be a great motivator encouraging kids to read more! Adding a book to your bookshelf is rewarding upon finishing a book.

Let's get started! Check out the attached list of possible books.

Check to see if they are in the AES library or Albertville Public Library and get reading! After choosing your book, you must complete an application in GATE class. This will help us make sure that we are all choosing different books. Becca and Trey have both read The Invention of Hugo Cabret this year and are ready to write their script to do a joint booktalk, so we know that Brian Selznick's book about Hugo is already taken. Choose your book, sign up in class, read, then write your script! After Mrs. Adams approves your script, you are ready to be recorded in class! I can't wait to see this reading explosion happen at AES and beyond! I know it will!

- Select your book.
- Sign up in GATE class for your book.
- READ it!
- Write your script.
- Let Mrs. Adams approve the script.
- Practice reading it with expression.
- Record YOU on video in GATE class!
- Complete podcast
- Post to Mrs. Adams' website!

Most of all, HAVE FUN READING!!!!!!!!!!!!

TITLE OF BOOK/AUTHOR	TITLE OF BOOK/AUTHOR	TITLE OF BOOK/AUTHOR
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick	Gooney Bird is so Absurd by Lois Lowry	Nightmare at the Book Fair by Dan Gutman
Canned! by Alex Shearer	Cool Zone with the Pain and the Great One by Judy Blume	Faithful Elephants: A True Story of Animals, People, and War by Yukio Tsuchiya
Alabama Moon by Watt Key	Night of the Howling Dogs by Graham Salisbury	The Talented Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
GREAT ILLUSTRATED CLASSICS - ANY TITLES	Clementine by Sara Pennypacker	Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo	Lost and Found by Andrew Clements	No Talking by Andrew Clements
Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry	ANY BIOGRAPHIES	NON-FICTION BOOKS
Through my Eyes Ruby Bridges by Margo Lundell	Bud, not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (Mrs. Adams has this book)	The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling (Mrs. Adams has this book)
Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett	The Twenty One Balloons by William Pene Dubois (Mrs. Adams has this book)	The Watsons Go To Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis (Mrs. Adams has this book)
Room One; A Mystery or Two by Andrew Clements	The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman (Mrs. Adams has this book)	The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary (Mrs. Adams has this book)
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis	The BFG by Roald Dahl (Mrs. Adams has this book)	Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry (Mrs. Adams has this book)
Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen	Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary (Mrs. Adams has this book)	My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George (Mrs. Adams has this book)
The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes	Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson (Mrs. Adams has this book)	Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
Isabel of the Whales by Hester Velmans	The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden (Mrs. Adams has this book)	Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater (Mrs. Adams has this book)
Shipwreck (Island Series #1) by Gordon Korman	Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt (Mrs. Adams has this book)	Twice Upon a Time: Rapunzel, The One with all the Hair by Wendy Mass (Mrs. Adams has this book)
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr	The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare (Mrs. Adams has this book)	Where the Red Fern Grows (Mrs. Adams has this book.)
The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary by Candace Fleming	Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli (Mrs. Adams has this book.)	Schooled by Gordon Korman
A Crooked Kind of Perfect by Linda Urban	Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo	Casey Back at Bat by Dan Gutman
The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman	A Crooked Kind of Perfect by Linda Urban	The Puzzling World of Winston Breen by Eric Breen
The Sisters Club: Rule of Three by Megan McDonald	The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies	Savvy by Ingrid Law
Dessert First by Hallie Durand	Oggie Cooder by Sara Weeks	The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd
Chu Ju's House by Gloria Whelan	Found (Missing Series #1) by Margaret Peterson Haddix	Scat by Carl Hiasen
Miss Suki is Kooky! (My Weird School Series #17 by Dan Gutman	Chocolate Fever (Mrs. Adams has this book.)	
***This is just a list to get you thinking! If you find a book that is not on this list, just ask Mrs. Adams!	Check online on the AES website and also the Albertville Public Library website to see if either place has the book you want to read!	Have fun with this project!

“Better than Oprah’s Bookclub!” Contract

Student Name

Book Chosen for Bookclub

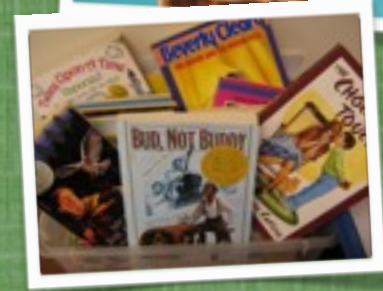
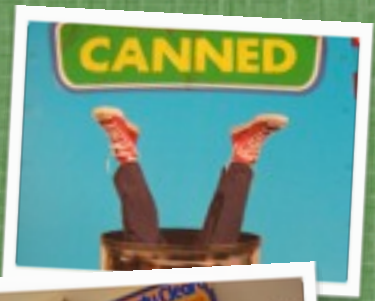
Date book was chosen

Date that I plan on being finished with this book

Estimated Reading Level of Book

Genre

Approved by Mrs. Adams



Thanks for choosing a book and signing up to be part of “Better than Oprah’s Bookclub!”

TO:

Mrs. Dianna Adams
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Room 408