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I'm Brandi Bray-Torres and I'm the Learning
Strategist here at Jacks Valley Elementary. Not only
have I been a teacher here for 24 years, but I was a
4th-6th grade student here as well! I'm looking
forward to working with you and your children this
school year. Please let me know if you're looking for a
specific title of a book or need a book
recommendation. I would also love to hear some of
the titles and series your kids are loving these days!

I'm Cary Tenpenny and I'm the Reading
Interventionist at JVES. I've been in the teaching
field over the last 20+ years in Douglas and Carson
City School District. I love reading and hope to
instill a lifelong love for reading in your child. I
teach children strategies to unlock reading and make
it accessible for all.

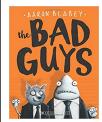


Zoo Phonics

Zoo Phonics is a great way for your child to learn letter sounds.

Zoo Phonics Letter Sounds Video

Favorite Series







Graphic Novels

There is currently debate about whether kids should be reading graphic novels or not. Read the article below to get one company's perspective.

3 Ways Graphic Novels Benefit Reading Skills

The Importance of Knowing High Frequency Words

Read the article below to find out what high frequency words are and how to help your child learn them more easily.

What is a High Frequency Word

Listen to a Read Aloud



Click on the image above to listen to a fun read aloud.

What is a retelling rope? Do you know how to use it?

Retelling Rope