

October 28, 2020

I voted! I'm so proud to be able to vote and express my opinion through my vote!

My teenager also voted, but she did it for the very first time. She attends college in Philadelphia, so she went to city hall in Philly to cast her vote. It's a beautiful building, as you can see.



Keep reading, everyone!

Mrs. Bayliss

October 19, 2020

It's fall, so maybe you're in the mood to read something spooooooky?

I just finished this book:



It's definitely a spooky, suspenseful book for grown ups. I spent most of the weekend reading when I should have been doing other things!

If you're in the mood for spooky, you could try a Goosebumps book, or a mystery, or even a book in which the setting is in the fall. Keep reading my friends!

Mrs. Bayliss

October 6, 2020

OK you all know I want you reading but I just listened to a podcast about our brains. It turns out that it's really good for our brains if we spend some time outdoors each day. So...I wanted you to see what I did THIS PAST WEEKEND. This video is NOT from the summer. Yes I really went swimming in October! You can hear me screaming after I went underwater!

[Swimming on Cape Cod in October!](#)

So give your brain a break and spend some time outside today!

And do some reading!

Mrs. Bayliss

October 3, 2020

Hi everyone!

It's been so great to finally see students in real life at school. I hope you've enjoyed being able to check out books from my cart. Don't forget that you can look at our JFK Library collection, sort them for your grade level, and read a summary of each book on my Library webpage here:

<https://www.cantonma.org/kennedy/students/library>

And then, best of all, once you find a book in our collection, you can now request it! Next to the tree on that page you'll see Library Book Request Form. Fill it out, hit submit, and I'LL DELIVER IT TO YOUR CLASSROOM!! I'm like JFK's own Amazon service!

So search up some great books, request them, and keep reading and washing those hands, my friends.

Mrs. Bayliss

September 16, 2020

I'll be Zooming with my Wednesday classes today!

I can't wait!!!!!!!!!!!!

June 2020

I think you all know by now how much I relish spending time with you each week. You are respectful, attentive audience members during our read aloud. Afterwards, it's a joy to watch you independently search for the perfect book to take home. I love seeing what you pick! (It's an added bonus if you ask me for recommendations.) In June I usually read off the names of all the read-aloud books that you've listened to all year and we talk about favorites, or memorable characters or settings, or flops. The level of detail recalled, and by whom, always amazes me. I'm sad that we missed out on that.

I look forward to the time when I'll have you all in front of me again and you'll have access to our collection. I tell you all the time that I love that my audience has all different shades of skin and personalities and abilities and family situations. How boring it would be if we were all the same. I will continue to add books to our collection that reflect and value ALL of you so that you

can see yourself reflected in a book or take a peek into the thoughts and feelings of those around you. I'll keep choosing read alouds that either entertain us or teach us or make us think. Above all, my books will celebrate our differences. You all know that I think books are magical, so I'm hoping that they will encourage that celebration, recognition and respect of each other even after you walk out of my library. Until then, I was so impressed with how you all handled this crazy year and I'm wishing you a fantastic summer! Read on!

Wednesday May 27, 2020

NEWS FLASH!!

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling has written a new book. She's releasing it chapter by chapter, online. Here's the link. Let's goooooo!

<https://www.theickabog.com/>

Tuesday May 26, 2020

Hi all!

Welcome back from a long weekend! I ate hamburgers and baked beans this weekend. Did you?

Another bit of reading encouragement

So sometimes at the end of your day your eyes hurt because so much more of your work is on a computer these days. Me too.

Why not listen to a book while laying down, with your eyes closed? Outside, with headphones in? Best best best of all, convince a grownup to read to you. It's ok to lump people of all ages into a pile and everyone just hang out and listen. You can tackle books on a much more advanced level if you're listening rather than reading. You'll still get to think about characters and plot and setting. So older kids and little kids can all enjoy the same story.

I'm reading Because of Winn-Dixie right now and it's like a warm hug, with loveable characters and maybe the most awesome dog in any book I've ever read. I'm also reading The Willoughbys with another class and it's filled with naughty characters that are so much fun to read about. You would NEVER do some of the things these people do! Both are available on Hoopla, through the Canton Public Library. Show this to a grownup and ask them if they'll read it to you!

And...keep reading and washing your hands.
Mrs. Bayliss

Tuesday May 19, 2020

Hello my friends!

I finished another book. Scroll down and you'll see it. It was called Commonwealth, written by Ann Patchett. I didn't love it.

I was often confused because the timeline kept changing. The author wrote about the characters when they were young and then switched to when they were older, and she did it lots of times so I started to lose track. At one point she was even writing about a dream and I didn't realize it was a dream! So every time I lost track, I would have to reread. It took me a long time to get through a short book.

I also didn't really like any of the characters. Sometimes there are characters in a book that are naughty but loveable, or it's fun to read because you would never in a million years do those naughty things. But in this book the characters were naughty and it was just sad, not funny.

So, I'm on to the next book. I'll post a picture when I pick it out. Today I'm concentrating on mowing my lawn and fixing up my garden. Have a great day, everyone!

Mrs. Bayliss

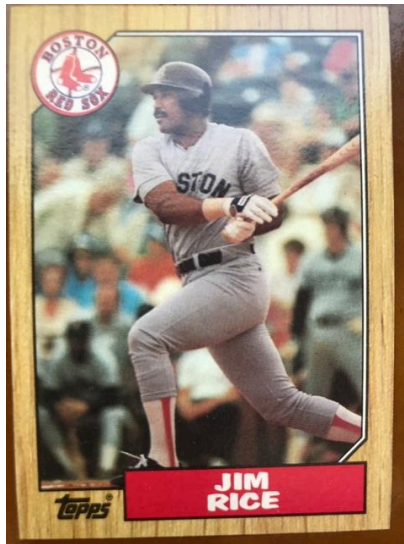
Thursday May 14, 2020

A word of reading encouragement

OK JFK kids, I get it. Not everyone loves to read books as much as I do. So if you're not the kind of kid who can't wait to get back to the story, there are lots of other ways to get in some reading time.

How about some world record books? You mean somebody somewhere actually did all those crazy things in this book?

How about the stats on your baseball or hockey cards?



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77	RED SOX	160	644	104	206	29	15	39	114	5	.593	53	120	.320
78	RED SOX	163	677	121	213	25	15	46	139	7	.600	56	126	.315
79	RED SOX	158	619	117	201	39	6	39	130	9	.586	57	97	.325
80	RED SOX	124	504	81	148	22	6	24	86	0	.504	30	87	.294
81	RED SOX	108	451	51	128	18	1	17	62	2	.441	34	76	.284
82	RED SOX	145	573	86	177	24	5	24	97	0	.494	55	98	.309
83	RED SOX	155	626	90	191	34	1	39	126	0	.550	52	102	.305
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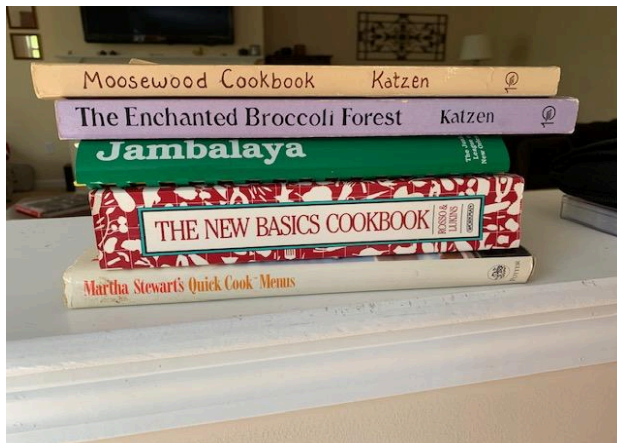
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TOPPS

Yes that counts as reading. Sort them! Make a dream team! Make an underdog team that would never win! (Oh but what if they did!)

Looking at cookbooks to help your grownup make dinner or bake a treat? Yes they count!



What should we make next? What ingredients do we already have in the house? My grownup bought a huge eggplant but what can we do with it?

Magazines count too, and you can learn an awful lot about the latest news or fun animal facts or sports stories. It all counts as reading. No, you're not learning about characters and plot and setting, but you ARE exercising your brain.

So read on, kids! (and wash your hands!)

Mrs. Bayliss

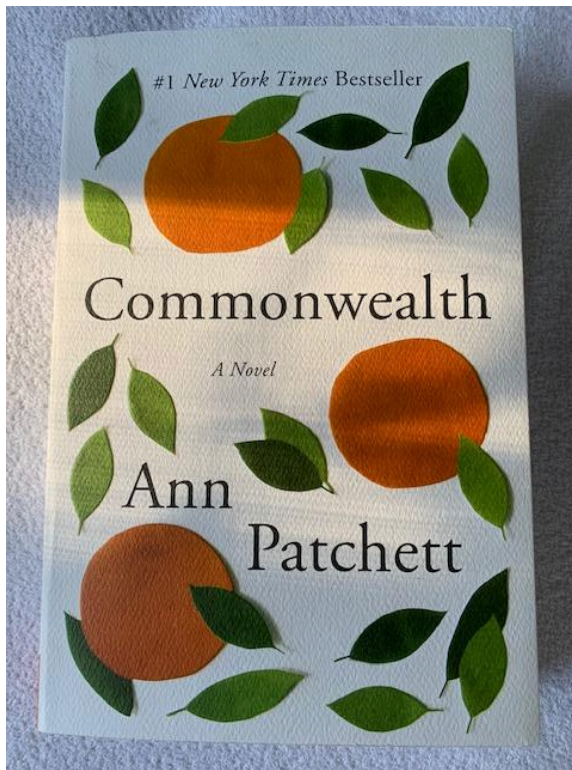
P.S. You can share today's message with a grownup in your life. They might know Jim Rice, my favorite player of all time.

Tuesday May 12, 2020

Hi everyone!

I'm looking forward to another beautiful sunny day and my looong walk. I'm also thinking about submitting something for Mr. Beck's trick shot challenge. Hmmmmm...

I'm starting a new book today. It's this one.



You all know how much I love to start a new book! I usually have to read the first few pages more than once. It's alot of work for my brain (and yours) to get introduced to new characters, a new setting, and maybe even the beginning of the plot.

I love this author. I'll let you know how it's going.

Work hard today and have some fun too!

Mrs. Bayliss

Friday, May 8 2020

Hi my friends!

I'll probably finish my book, 142 Ostriches today. I would give it 8 out of 10 stars. I liked it. The main character was a very brave 20 year old woman and the author did a great job describing her feelings and thoughts and emotions. I think any reader would have empathy for her. The plot was great since I understood exactly what the problem in the story was. I loved the setting, which was the California desert. So different from Canton, where it'll be so cold tomorrow!

I bought these today.



I'll do some planting next week, which will make me happy. Do something that brings you joy today too! (and keep reading!)

Mrs. Bayliss

Tuesday, May 5 2020

Happy Cinco de Mayo! We're having burritos and guacamole for dinner tonight!

I'm liking my book, 142 Ostriches, very much. It's fiction but the author did some research because it's also filled with fun facts about ostriches. I've learned that ostrich nests are just sand

pushed into a circle so that the egg won't roll away. I've also learned that the mom sits on the egg during the day and the dad takes over at night. Why? Because the dad's feathers are darker and are harder to see at night. So cool!

I hope you get outside today. Here's a picture of me on a walk yesterday.

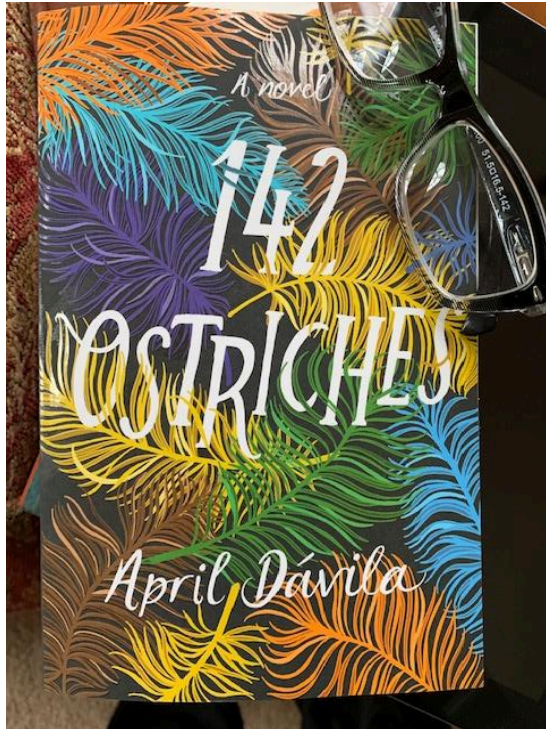


It says, "You're stronger than you know" which is true.
Have a great day and keep reading!
Mrs. Bayliss

Thursday April 30, 2020

Hello my friends!

In my own reading, I just finished a book and am starting a new one today. I think this might be my favorite point in reading a new book: right when I'm deciding between two books. I think about which one I might like next. I look at the cover, I read the back, and you already know that I think about the setting alot. This one takes place in a desert which feels like the opposite of Canton lately. I choose this!



Check back to see if I like it or not.
I hope you're doing some reading too!
I miss you --
Mrs. Bayliss

Sunday April 26, 2020

Hi everyone!

I guess you know by now that we have a March Madness winner. Thank you all for voting. It was a very close race and very exciting. If you haven't seen the winner yet, the links to the read alouds are all still there and you can check it out.

I've also added some eBooks for you under the "Books you can read right now" link. If you're curious about the Coronavirus, there's a book about it there, and the link underneath it has a ton of new books. There are books about **A**aaron Rodgers and **Z**ombies Unlimited and everything inbetween. Check it out!

I'll be posting lots of messages here so check back in the next couple of days if you miss me. Until then, wash your hands. (and read!)

Mrs. Bayliss

Sunday April 19, 2020

Hello JFK readers!

Guess who's in our March Madness Championship!

Drumroll please...

It's Make Way for Ducklings vs. Arnie the Doughnut

The votes were so close! Even if you haven't voted before, it's not too late to watch these two books online and vote for your favorite. (They're both really good!) Votes will be accepted until Friday. Get your family together and cast secret ballots! Grown ups can go online and vote too!

Will it be ducklings or doughnuts?

WHO. WILL WIN??????????

I hope you're all washing those hands. I miss you kids!

Mrs. Bayliss

Sunday April 12, 2020

Hello my friends!

I bet you're visiting this page because you're curious about our little duckling friends.

They made it!

Here are the Final Four:

Make Way for Ducklings vs. **Hula-Hoopin' Queen**

Keith Haring: The Boy Who Would Just Not Stop Drawing vs. **Arnie the Doughnut**

Is your favorite still in?

Have you guessed my favorite yet?

Thank you to all those students who have voted, and you can now vote again! Read or reread each pair and then vote for the one you like better. Voting will end on Friday, with our last two championship books announced one week from tonight.

WHO. WILL. WIN????????? (Dramatic dun dun dun here. Students, explain this to your grown ups.)

I hope everyone is squeezing in a little bit of reading, and that you're all doing well. I looooved the weather today and I bet you did too!

Mrs. Bayliss

Sunday April 5, 2020

Hello Students!

So many of you voted! The results are in! Yes, the ducklings made it!

Here are the Great Eight:

Make Way for Ducklings vs. **The Princess and the Pit Stop**

Freedom Summer vs. **Hula-Hoopin' Queen**

Pierre the Penguin vs. **Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Wouldn't Stop Drawing**

Arnie the Doughnut vs. **Knuffle Bunny Free**

Did your favorite one make it in?

It's time to vote again! Reread each pair, since we always notice something new in the text or illustrations every time we do. You can read one pair and then vote, read the next pair and then vote, until you've done all four pairs. Some of the links don't work on an old iPad I have so I have to watch them on my phone, since it's updated. If the link doesn't work for you, try it on a different device.

I have a favorite. Do you? Can you guess which one mine is?

WHO. WILL. WIN?????

Keep on reading!

Mrs. Bayliss

Wednesday April 1, 2020

Greetings readers!

Keep on voting for your favorite Sweet Sixteen Picture Books! You don't need to read all 16 to vote. You can finish one pair and then vote, and then go back in and vote for your next pair.

Voting ends this Friday.

WILL. THE. DUCKLINGS. WIN. AGAIN?????????????

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I can't wait to find out!
Mrs. Bayliss

Monday March 30, 2020

Hi everybody!

Picture Book Sweet Sixteen is up and running! Watch a pair of books being read online and then vote for the one you like better. Voting is open now! Everything you need is on the JFK Library webpage.

<https://www.cantonma.org/kennedy/students/library>

I hope you are doing a lot of reading, like me. I've been reading fiction but I've also been reading cookbooks and magazines, too. It all counts toward your reading minutes!

Stay healthy!
Mrs. Bayliss

Thursday March 19, 2020

Hello my friends!

I miss seeing your faces soooo much! I miss our library, too, and am looking forward to getting back there and welcoming you all back soon. Until then, I hope you're adjusting to our new lives and being patient with your grown ups. I have made at least one walk per day my priority. It has helped me to be patient with Mr. Bayliss and my daughter, who is home from college. My other two kids have their own apartments and we have virtual dinner parties and game nights. So fun!

Anyway, I have been reading A LOT and hope that you are too. There are lots of books available to you online, through Amazon or Audible. You could either read them or listen to them. Here are some free ones:

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There are also lots of authors doing live readings, since kids all across the country are out of school. They're really fun to watch. I will post those below. I can't get into the JFK Library, as you know, but have placed an order through Amazon and hope to post some online reads of my own when those books arrive. Until then, take this time to snuggle up. Take a journey with some

great fiction or explore with non fiction. I can't wait for you to tell me all about it when we're all back together.

Read on,
Mrs. Bayliss

James Dean (Pete the Cat)
Instagram live
Every day 12 noon and archived

Mo Willems (Knuffle Bunny, Elephant and Piggy)
Kennedy-center.org
Every day 1pm

Dan Gutman (My Weird School)
Facebook live
Every day 2pm

Oliver Jeffers (Stuck)
Instagram live
Every day 1pm

Mac Barnett
(Mac B)
Instagram live and posted for 24 hours
Every day 3pm