

Whitehouse School



♥ NEWS YOU CAN use... ♥

Dear WHS Families,

Our school-wide thematic unit is in full swing! All classroom teachers are reading two great works by Beverly Cleary to their students. They finished the first book, *Henry Huggins*, and will soon be continuing with another book in the series, *Ribsy*, exclusively about Henry's lovable dog! We are having a wonderful time learning and laughing together using these adorable novels! Take a look at what we have planned as we extend and link learning for the children:

Kindergarten Teachers and students are tracking character traits on classroom graphs as they encounter them in the story. Students will write *All About Worm* books to link novel content with our science program.

Grade 1 Children will identify ways they can show *responsibility* like Henry did when he took care of his new dog, Ribsy. They will create a colorful craft, as well as produce non-fiction writing pieces based on pets.

Grade 2 The students will be writing book reviews on *Henry Huggins*. They will also be doing character sketches and focusing on examples from the story when characters demonstrated *caring* ways.

Grade 3 Third graders will write persuasive essays about their choice for "best" character in the book. They will also examine "character traits" of "characters" & provide textual evidence to support their assertions.

Library Student will go on a "virtual" field trip to learn biographical information about Beverly Cleary and "Klickitat Street". They can also submit pics to join Henry & Ribsy on the "best friends" bulletin board!

Computers Students will "adopt" & care for a pet. They will have to complete electronic adoption caregiver paperwork and will receive an adoption certificate.

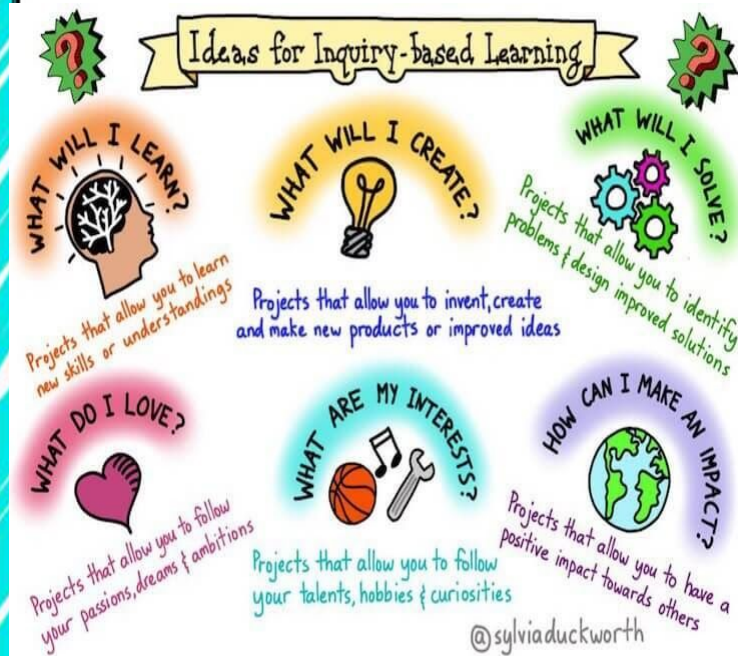
Music The children will be creating original rhythmic compositions based on the names/events in the books.

Physical Education In the Gym, students will play games and activities using characters and concepts related to content from the books.

Spanish Students will learn Spanish character terms to describe the personal traits of the cast of characters. ... and speaking of cast... The Grade 3 Drama Club... has been rehearsing to bring us a showstopping culminating performance later this Spring!

Warmly,
Dr. DeRosa

INQUISITIVE LEARNING



SOCIAL AWARENESS

We are Cubs of Character!!!



February is **CARING** month at WHS!!!
We are practicing **caring** gestures in school.
Please continue to discuss acts of good character with your child as he/she earns your permission to shade in pieces from his/her bucket filler puzzle. Your child already has a copy, but you can click [here](#) to download another *Caring* bucket with examples of caring actions!

Choose **CARING!!!**