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VM MEDIA CENTER NEWS



THIS MONTH

Mittens, gloves, hats and scarves can mean only one thing. Winter snug and cozy stories! In January our Kindergartners will be learning about cold-weather animals and hibernation, while reviewing the differences between fiction and non-fiction.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

In our Media Center, students will be engaged in lessons from **Common Sense Education's Digital Citizenship Curriculum**, designed to educate and guide young people to harness the power of the Internet and digital tools so they can become safe, responsible, and respectful digital citizens. Digital media and technology is evolving at a rapid pace, bringing with it amazing opportunities as well as real risks for our children. On the positive side, young people are using the Internet and mobile technologies to create, connect, explore and learn in ways never before imagined.

GENRE WHEEL

Intermediate students will be encouraged to broaden their reading choices by participating in this fun new activity. We have created a spinning wheel of genre to help them discover new choices. Coming soon!

MAKERSPACE

A makerspace is a place where students can gather to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover using a variety of tools and materials. VMMC offers different exploration stations for every grade: Coding, Ozobots, Dash The Robot, Snap Circuitry, Lego Building Wall, Magna Tiles, MakeDo Invent Kits and many more!



DID YOU KNOW?

A recent study found that people who read are two and a half times less likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's Syndrome later in life. Although this does not mean that reading will prevent the disease, it proves a slight relationship between reading and prevention.



SPOTLIGHT AUTHOR

This month we will celebrate the life of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** an influential American civil rights activist. He was a leader in the movement to end racial segregation in the United States. His most famous address was the "I Have A Dream" speech. He was an advocate of non-violent protest and became the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1968, shortly after Martin Luther King died, a campaign was started for his birthday to become a holiday to honor him.

Our library has a very rich book collection about his life. Come and check it out.

Happy New Year!

