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A message from the Laurentine Media Center

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**Check out our Media Center website:**

<https://sites.google.com/a/saintmpl.org/mrsmeidllibrarymediaspecialist/>

**“Have You Filled a Bucket Today?”**

## **WORDS**

*by Glenny Merillat, Plymouth, MI*

***It's easy to be kind when your life seems more like play  
We gladly find the special words to brighten someone's day.  
But, if we're sad or angry and life doesn't seem worthwhile  
Unkind words can slip right out and take away a smile.  
Bucketfillers always try to watch what they say  
They want to fill buckets with loving-kindness every day.  
And when they do, they find that life looks bright once more  
Because what you give comes back to you like waves upon the shore.***

**American Library Association announces 2012 youth media award winners**

DALLAS - The American Library Association (ALA) on Monday, January 23, announced the top books, video and audiobooks for children and young adults – including the Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Newbery and Printz awards

### **\*Newbery/Caldecott Award**

#### **John Newbery Medal & Honor Books**

The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. The Association awards it annually for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.



A list of all the 2012 award winners follows:

**John Newbery Medal** for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature: "Dead End in Norvelt," written by Jack Gantos, is the 2012 Newbery Medal winner. Two Newbery Honor Books also were named: "Inside Out & Back Again," written by Thanhha Lai and "Breaking Stalin's Nose," written and illustrated by Eugene Yelchin,

#### **Randolph Caldecott Medal & Honor Books**

The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. The Association awards it annually for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.



**Randolph Caldecott Medal** for the most distinguished American picture book for children:

"A Ball for Daisy," illustrated and written by Chris Raschka, is the 2012 Caldecott Medal winner.

Three Caldecott Honor Books also were named: "Blackout," illustrated and written by John Rocco, "Grandpa Green" illustrated and written by Lane Smith, and "Me ... Jane," illustrated and written by Patrick McDonnell, and published by Little, Brown and Company, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.



**Kids Are Authors** is an annual competition that encourages teams of three or more students to use their reading, writing, and artistic skills to create a book. Deadline date to enter is March 15, 2011.

**Wednesday, February 8, 15, 22 & 29**

**2:15-3:15 PM**



## Book Club in the Media Center

**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

**1st-2nd Grade – 2:15-2:35 PM - Selected Valentine Books**

**3rd-5th Grade – 2:35-3:00 PM - 100 Days and 99 Nights by Alan Madison**



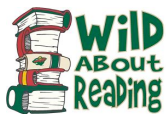
**4th-8th Grade Students – 3:00-3:30 PM Football Genius by Tim**

Green

**\*Sign up in the Media Center**



**Read To Achieve – Prizes will be delivered by February 29, 2012**



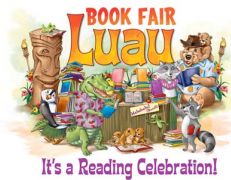
## WILD ABOUT READING SUPPORTS "I LOVE TO

The goal of the *Wild About Reading* program is to promote the importance of reading and increase student literacy by encouraging kids to read outside the classroom.



### 2011-2012 Maud Hart Lovelace

Maud Hart Lovelace was a famous Minnesota author, born and raised in Mankato. Through her Betsy and Tracy Series, Ms. Lovelace has left a lasting history in Minnesota. It is because of her creativity and enduring work that MYRA honors Maud Hart Lovelace through a children and young adult book award. The students at St. Michael, grades 3rd-8th will have an opportunity in March to vote for their favorite book from the nominated titles.



**March Book Fair: Book Fair Luau –**

**It's a Reading Celebration! March 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**

**We are looking for:**

- 1-3 people to be our Special Events Coordinators
- Junior Crew Coordinator - work with our 5th-8th grade students.

**\*\*\*If anyone is interested in taking on more of a role in our book fairs, please email Mrs. Meidl – meidl@saintmpl.org\*\*\***

<b>February</b>	
1	Langston Hughes, 1902; <a href="#">Jerry Spinelli</a> , 1941
2	Rebecca Caudill, 1899; Judith Viorst, 1931
3	Joan Lowery Nixon, 1927
4	Russell Hoban, 1925
5	Patricia Lauber, 1924
7	Charles Dickens, 1812; Laura Ingalls Wilder, 1867; Natasha Wing, 1960
8	Anne Rockwell, 1934;
9	Hilda Van Stockum, 1908
10	<a href="#">Elaine Konigsburg</a> , 1930;
11	Jane Yolen, 1939
12	<a href="#">Judy Blume</a> , 1938
13	William Mayne, 1928; William Sleator, 1945
<b>14</b>	Jamake Highwater, 1942; George Shannon, 1952
15	<a href="#">Norman Bridwell</a> , 1928; Doris Orgel, 1929
17	Andre Norton, 1912; Robert Newton Peck, 1928; Susan Beth Pfeffer, 1948;
19	Louis Slobodkin, 1903
23	C.S. Adler, 1932; Eric Kastner, 1899
24	Wilhelm Grimm, 1786
25	Cynthia Voigt, 1942
26	Miriam Young, 1913
27	Florence Perry Heide, 1919; Uri Shulevitz, 1935

POEM  
**MY LIBRARY**

by Varda One

It's only a room with shelves and books,  
but it's far more magical than it looks  
It's a jet on which I soar to lands that exist no more.  
Or a key with which I find answers to questions crowding my mind.  
Building my habit of learning and growing, asking and researching till I reach knowing.  
Here, I've been a mermaid and an elf I've even learned to be more myself.  
I think that I shall never see a place that's been more useful to me.  
With encouraging kind friends with wit Who tell me to dream big and never quit.  
It's only a room with shelves and books, but it's far more magical than it looks.

Be satisfied with what you can do, since God is satisfied...  
be convinced that with divine help...  
you can do more than you can imagine.

*~ St. John Baptist de la Salle*