

CCRA Communiqué Winter 2022

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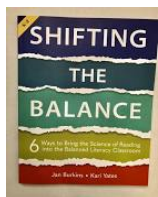
Community Efforts: Summer Slide Prevention Project May 2022 in Brentwood. Next one in Antioch- date TBD

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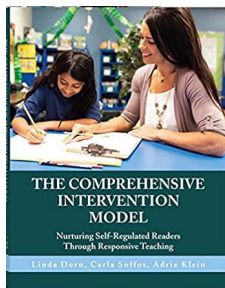
Hi Friends!

We are doing a joint book club with BUSD on *Shifting the Balance*. Karen Eaton will speak more on the Science of Reading Jan. 19. **If you register you may win this book or another for your library.**



Register:
www.contracostareading.org

Adria Klein will speak to her new book on Feb. 9. **If you register you may win this book or another for your library.**



Email Lynn with input on our newsletter to be entered in a raffle for Joan's new book *The Lone Javelina* at the Jan. 19 event.

We love our members!!

President Lynn Gurnee, VP Tamra Mansapit, Secretary Kryssie Mingst, Karen Yee, Christy Condrin, Cara Sawyer, Joni Smith, Nicole Matthew and Jacquie Young.

Save these 2022-23 dates! CCRA Events Free; CRA \$10

Dec. 8	Deborah Lee Rose	CRA
Jan. 19	Karen Eaton	CCRA
Jan. 24	Stephanie Jeppson	CRA
Feb. 9	Adria Klein	CCRA
Feb. 23	Valentina Gonzales	CRA
Mar. 30	Nancy Motley	CRA
April	Book Talks	CCRA
May	Celebrate Literacy	TBD
June 30	Units due to Lynn	UOP

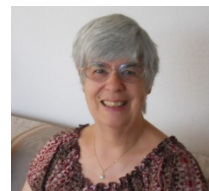
Do a Zoom book talk and/or blog on FB on *Conferring with Readers: Supporting each Student's Growth and Independence* by Jen Serravello for 1-2 more units totaling up to 8! Units transfer to all districts.

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Author Spotlight: *The Lone Javelina* by Joan E. Masryk

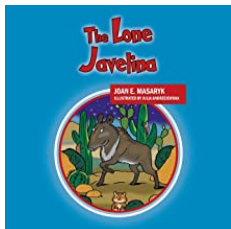


In Joan's new book the lone Javelina is looking for his family.

Javelinas travel in packs in Arizona. The most seen in our back yard at one time is 20. However, we have one Javelina traveling alone. Teachers and their students could create their own Lone animal story showing the animals and plants in California. Read more

My Javelina character is a nocturnal animal that trots by a tall Pinon Pine Tree and sees a coyote chasing a jackrabbit, but no family. This lone critter saunters in the rocky desert and finds a rattlesnake eating a

mouse, but no family. It continues like that focusing on the animals and plants in Arizona.



Here are a few more pointers for teachers and their class to write their own Lone Animal story.

For California the Black Bear seems like a good choice. Baby black bear could be searching for his family. We worked hard on finding different word choice to use. Each day we collected words from our read alouds. Students were given word choice lists to use in writing their stories.

WALKED: tramped, strolled, sauntered, tiptoed, roamed, wandered, lumbered, trotted, scurried, scampered.

LOOKED: searched, peeked, examined, explored, noticed.

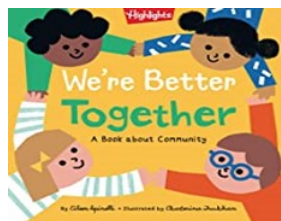
WOW Award: It celebrates student writers who speak about why they love reading. Check out the WOW award at www.californiareading.org under awards for your students! Student essays due to Lynn Gurnee by 6/30

Book Reviews: Picture Book for Young Readers

If you are looking for a good book for preschool or kindergarteners to learn how to get to know all the young students in your class try Spinelli & Trukhan's *We're Better Together: A Book About Community (in a series of Highlights Books of Kindness)*.

This wonderful book focuses on how all kinds of people can find ways to work together even if they are different. It focuses on inclusion providing a powerful message, "We're better together" for all students including students with disabilities. It is filled with colorful illustrations and age-appropriate language, that helps children learn that no matter what age or how young they are, they can make a difference in the world.

A great choice that instills in

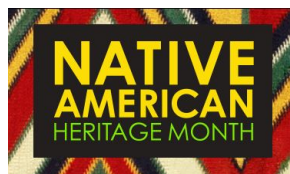


young children the value of compassion, teamwork, and community.

Activities: This book makes a great read aloud and provides an opportunity for young children to talk about people regarding similarities and differences. It prompts discussion about how working together at home or in the classroom can provide many benefits.

Review by Joan C. Fingon, E.d.D.
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Literacy Dates in November and December



- November is Native American Heritage Month
- November is National Family Literacy Month
- November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)

- November is Picture Book Month
- National Young Readers Week- 11/14-11/18
- December- Jolabokaflod, Iceland's Yule Book Flood (12/24)

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Native American/ American Indian Heritage Month Resources:

- Native American Heritage Month- resources for teachers, archives, films and more- click [here](#)
- Check out the [American Indian History & heritage Teacher's Guide](#)
- [Territory Acknowledgments & Native Land Digital Map](#)
- [American Indians in Children's Literature](#) Blog by Dr. Debbie Reese- book reviews, lists of best books, and more
- Be sure to check out her [Tips for Teachers: Developing Instructional Materials about American Indians](#)

Celebrating Holidays in school?

- Be sure to be inclusive of holidays celebrated by your students and their families, when possible. Consult Diverse Holiday Calendars, like [this one from Seramount](#), to increase your awareness of diverse holidays.