



Principal(ing) in Place Resources

Tales from a Leader: Ways to Infuse Literacy into Your Virtual Learning with Todd Nesloney

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The moment we make an excuse shows that it is not important to us.
Excuses are the real barrier to challenges.
Don't try to do it all...just pick one or two and do it really well

Literacy at School

- Speed dating with resources
- Check out books from the principal
- #pageturnerwithprincipal
- 5 word book talk on announcements (kids and adults)
- Kids giving book talks with morning assemblies
- Every person posted what they were reading for students to see (all staff...all educators)
- Read-around the school
- Define what reading is: comic books, audible, magazines, and other items
- Putting books in the hallway for kids on shelves so students have access
- Classroom guest readers (in person or with Zoom)
- Invite community members, DO, and school members to read aloud to class
- Mystery Readers popping in with Meet/Zoom
- Secret Society of Readers and culminates with Book Prom
- Book Prom, dates are with books (Stories from Webb for more information)
- Literacy O'Lanterns with pumpkins and favorite book character
- Partner with school librarian
- Emoji Literacy Game
- Books to new babies in community
- Sprocket to capture special moments with kids
- Lunch chats with kids

Obstacles

- Access
- Resources
- Technology
- Emotional and Financial Turmoil

Literacy Looks Different Virtually

- Email Signature with what I am currently reading
- Wise Stamp to add a book cover on your email signature
- Sunday bedtime stories
- Virtual Readings (closed verses open platforms)
- Zoom bomb into the class meetings
- Invite author ins to do author chats



- Find the author reading the book and share it
- Invite guest readers, record it and share on the YouTube channel as unlisted
- Talk on FB Live about the books
- Instagram Live
- School Library Journey for directory of COVID19 publisher permission
- Drop books at student houses
- Still check out library books, check it out for them and drop by house
- Special Day Books (birthday books)
- #classroombookaday

Representation Matters

- What are you reading? What is your pattern?
- Diverse books
- Diverse makes you uncomfortable...you need to read it to broaden your own horizons. You need this to grow.
- Your books are not diverse until marginalized characters are no longer the person that needs saving...they need to be the hero.
- Edutopia: How to audit your classroom library for diversity
 - <https://www.edutopia.org/article/how-audit-your-classroom-library-diversity>
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