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高小組 (P4) 小六 (P6) Senior Primary

HUI Cho Ming Michael

St. Charles School Topic Dinosaurs Before Dark

Dear Bob,

How are you? I heard that you quarreled with your sister Mary last week and I feel bad about it. Recently I read an adventurous and inspiring book that I would like to share with you and help you to get along with your sister. The book is called "Dinosaurs Before Dark" which is the first book of the Magic Tree House series written by Mary Pope Osborne.

This book is about Jack and his 7-year-old younger sister Annie who find a tree house filled with books. Annie picks up a book about dinosaurs and Jack flicks through the pages. When Jack touches a Pteranodon, one of the dinosaur pictures in the book, they are magically transported back to the Cretaceous period. During the time travel journey, they begin to explore, investigate and are even threatened by a Tyrannosaur. At last, they figure out how the magic works and they are able to return to their present home.

After reading this story, I appreciate that being a good and responsible brother is not an easy task. Through the magical and exciting adventures that Jack and Annie experienced, I realize that a big brother needs to be attentive, cautious, caring and knowledgeable. For example, in the story, Jack always instructed Annie, warned her or even argued with her. Sometimes, he was annoying, but everything he did, he did it for Annie. He wanted to protect Annie and keep her safe, even though he risked being eaten by a T-Rex. What beautiful unconditional sibling love!

Nowadays, as many Hong Kong people choose to give birth to one child only, I am grateful that I have my younger brother, Adrian, who shares happiness and sorrow with me. We live in the same house, grow up together, talk to each other whenever and wherever we want. I think that my brother is the most precious gift in the world.

Above all, I sincerely recommend you to read this book and hope you will get some heart-warming and thought-provoking ideas like me! Write LAM Zit

King's College Old Boys' Association Primary School No. 2 Topic Unforgettable Natural Disasters

Dear Miss Wong,

I have read the book "Unforgettable Natural Disasters" recently. It is an e-book which I found at the website of the Hong Kong Public Libraries. I would like to share it with you because it's a good book and I learnt a lot from it.

From this book, I learnt that humans are facing a lot of natural disasters. Some disasters are non-predictable, like meteorites and earthquakes. In front of these disasters, humans are tiny and helpless. A city can be destroyed in a flash. On the other hand, some natural disasters such as typhoons, earthquakes and tsunamis are predictable. Some countries can detect tsunamis and inform the people who live in coastal areas in advance. Also, we can predict typhoons and their routes. However, due to global warming, the weather and the sea are getting warmer and warmer. As a result, typhoons become stronger and stronger. If we don't stop heating up our atmosphere, a super typhoon may strike us and destroy our home soon.

From this book, the first thing I learnt is that we need to cherish what we have now, because we may lose it in the next moment.

Secondly, although I am thankful that Hong Kong doesn't suffer from many natural disasters, we must change our bad habits of harming the environment in order to protect our beautiful Earth.

After reading this book, I promised myself that I will use less plastic and disposable products. I will also advise everyone I know to be nice to the environment by practicing the 4Rs of Reduce, Recycle, Replace and Reuse. We should protect our Earth so that the Earth will not punish us with disasters. I understand that the effort of oneself is limited, but I believe if all the people in the world can be environmental-friendly, the Earth will definitely be cleaner, cooler and we will suffer from fewer natural disasters.

Your student,

the environment with reading the book about

the Nature. Great job!

Good values and practices suggested.

Alphonse

Comments



LEE Shannon

Chiu Sheung School, Hong Kong

Topic Best Book I've Ever Read So Far

8th December, 2020

Dear cousin,

How are you? I've been reading a lot lately because of the school suspension.

I want to share with you a book that I borrowed from the public library; it is called "How to" by Randall Munroe. It is about problems that we commonly face, and it gives different advice and even the most ridiculous ways to handle those problems. In the book, the writer scientifically

Another interesting chapter talks about different ways to cross a river. The book says if you can run at 10mph, you can jump a gap of up to 7 feet. Therefore, for a very small stream, jumping across it is certainly an option. However, what if the river is frozen? Is it still safe to jump or walk across it? The book says yes as long as the ice is at least 4 inches thick. Freezing the surface of a river requires some refrigeration machinery and a source of power. For example, making a 200-feet ice bridge needs 2,000 tons of ice, requiring 300 megawatt hours of electricity, which is around \$50,000 of electricity fee!

explains how or why the method works or doesn't work.

There is one chapter that tells you a number of absurd scientific advice on how to charge your mobile phone when you can't find an outlet! It is interesting, isn't it? By means of water, you can actually use the running water through faucets and fountains to generate electricity. Thus, you c charge your phone. By means of escalator, it gives energy to riders. Wh you get on an escalator and it starts moving, it has to consume extra ener to turn motors to lift you. That extra energy is transferred to you in the fo of potential energy, meaning if you build a paddle wheel which is connect to a generator and place it on a moving escalator, it can convert potent energy into electrical energy, so you can charge your phone.

I should not reveal too much of the book; I should leave it to you to explore – so read it yourself! After reading this book, I learned more about science and showed more interest in science.

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MA Hong Yiu

King's College Old Boys' Association Primary School No. 2

Topic Thomas Edison

Dear Miss Wong,

I just read a book about Thomas Edison - the famous person who invented the electric lightbulb. I learnt a lot about him from this book called "Thomas Edison and His Bright Idea". I read about his childhood and the things he created; and got inspired while reading this book.

The book says that Thomas was a very curious kid. At school, he loved to ask questions but his teacher thought they were silly. Soon Thomas stopped school and started reading books by himself. When he grew up, he did a lot of jobs. One of them was selling newspapers on trains. During this time, his affection in science grew. He wanted to learn more about it. As he got richer, he became a full-time inventor and he invented more than 1,000 things, including the amazing electric lightbulb, of course!

This book has taught me many things. The first thing I learnt is how the electric lightbulb works. When electricity passes through the tungsten, it produces heat and light so the lightbulb glows.

Comments

• Student cares deeply about the world and environment, very mature ideas are presented.

• A well-written letter which encourages us to work hard for the future.

I also learnt from Thomas' positive attitude. The reason that he could invent useful things for the whole world was always because he was focused on everything he wanted to create. From Thomas, I know that no matter what I decide to do, I should be actively involved in it as 'Diligence is the mother of good fortune'.

The most important thing I learnt from this book is the importance of perseverance. If we are determined and devoted, we will succeed. The book says Thomas often stayed up late as he was so passionate about his inventions. I learnt that no matter what goals I want to achieve, I should not give up easily. I should be persistent.

Could you share with me a book that you have read? I'm looking forward to receiving your reply!

Your student, Anselm

Book Read

Book title : Author : I Publisher :

Thomas Edison and His Bright Idea Patricia Brennan Demuth, illustrated by Jez Tuya New York: Penguin Young Readers Group, 2016.

SO Ning Sang

TAM Yan Kit Wilson St. Paul's Co-educational College Primary School

The Education University of Hong Kong Jockey Club Primary School Topic Give Me a Hug

6th December, 2020

Dear May,

How are you? I want to share a meaningful book called "Give me a hug" with you. It is a true story about Nick Vujicic who became a world-renowned speaker. It reminds me of something important and I have learnt something new from it.

Nick is a boy who was born without arms and legs, just like a baby dolphin. It is because he has phocomelia. His parents did not abandon him and they took great care of him because they love their son. When Nick got adjustment problems in a new school, his teacher encouraged him to be brave and never give up. When Nick was being bullied by his classmates and had suicidal thoughts, he was saved by a girl's warm regards. So, when Nick grew up, he shared his stories as he believes his stories can change the lives of other people who are disappointed with themselves. He always encourages people to stand strong, dream big and never give up. I think if Nick lived his life without love, he wouldn't be who he is today. He has overcome all difficulties he has met in his life with love and gratitude.

After reading Nick's story, I thought about: "What does a hug mean to me?" Hugging is a simple act of love. It means care, secure, acceptance and it brings me hope. I am reminded that my parents always stand by me, my friends always support me and I am nurtured in a loving environment. I cannot underestimate this act of love as I have learnt about the power of love which is strong enough to save a life in hopeless situations. So, it is important for me to always give love and never lose hope. I can give a hug to cheer people up. I can spend time with my beloved ones. I am thankful to the amazing things that happened around me. Yes, there are so many things that I can do to show my love to others!

Do you feel the love in these stories, too? I hope to give you a hug with my heart at this moment.

Topic "Something New in Reading"

Dear Teacher,

I would like to introduce you to a book called "How Super Cool Stuff Works". It is an interesting laptop-style book filled with pages of diagrams for different things, from high-tech gadgets to amazing buildings. This book features colourful pictures and is suitable for readers of all ages. Its vocabulary is simple and easy to understand. Its turns of phrase are elegant and crystalline.

This book is full of factual information about things that are "super cool", as the book's title says. Its silver colour makes it resemble a thick tablet computer. A glossary is provided, which is useful for people who do not understand the meaning of certain words in the book.

For example, I had never heard of the C-Thru Smoke Diving Helmet before I read this book. This is not merely an item of clothing; it is a very futuristic device worn by firefighters to save people. A bespoke thermal-imaging camera attached to the front of the helmet helps firefighters capture image data from the situation. The helmet's audio systems can furthermore filter out different sounds and cancel out background noises.

I was also pleased to be able to devour information about an extremely sophisticated industrial robot called Baxter, which is designed to work alongside humans and has many different cameras protruding from its body. It can be programmed to perform many tasks, such as organizing boxes in factories and welding items together. Its arms alone possess more than three joints each. Its arms can furthermore be fitted with a parallel-jaw gripper for general use, or a vacuum-cup gripper for picking up flat objects. Baxter's motorized joints are equipped with sensors that detect resistance and collisions. They enable it to lessen the force instantly if any of its moving parts bump into a human, reducing the chance of causing an injury. Its screen communicates how it "feels" about the job is going. Baxter can express concentration as it learns a task and confusion or sadness when it has difficulties.

I hope that you will consider this recommendation and provide a

Book Read

- Book title : Give Me a Hug
- Author : Based on the true story of a limbless Australian motivational speaker, Nick Vujicic, illustrated by Dreamergo, story edited by Ding
- Publisher : Hong Kong: PMA Music Foundation & Gezi Workstation, 2013.



• The writer can show the positive message from the letter. Good!

• A touching and warm letter.

loving home for this inspiring book in our school library, thus allowing future generations of students to enjoy this fine work.

Yours sincerely, A student

Book Read

Book title:How Super Cool Stuff WorksAuthor:DKPublisher:London: Dorling Kindersley Limited, 2016.

Comments

• Very touching writing.

 Good language used and easy to understand.

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TSUI Chun Kiu Jayden TWGHs Tang Shiu Kin Primary School Topic Something New in Reading

Dear Miss Chiu,

I have read a book "The Phoenix of Destiny" recently and it was about a mouse adventuring to a place called the Kingdom of Fantasy. The main character is mouse Geronimo Stilton. He met a lot of friends that helped him in his journeys. It was very amusing and exciting. Each chapter taught me something new and I enjoyed reading it!

Friendship and teamwork are the best part of it. Geronimo received a quest from Blossom, Queen of the Fairies. She wanted to get the Sweet Dreams Cradle which was kept in Munchy Valley by the Munchy Wizards. This place was very dangerous. Thus, his friend, Teeny, gave him a hand. At last, Geronimo got the cradle successfully under Teeny's protection. What I've learnt from this story is the importance of teamwork. Teamwork always brings new ideas and helps solve problems.

The other thing I've learnt is sharing and supporting. In the story, Geronimo collected the items that Blossom wanted, his friend, the blue rider, lent him an armor and gave him encouragement. Finally, he defeated the monster and got the items. I truly believe that people with supportive partners often do better than those without. Besides, it stimulated me to take adventures in jungle so that I can explore the nature when I grow up. I love seeing the natural scenery. I love animals and insects as well. I desire to know more about the wildlife. In the meantime, I want to be more independent and make more friends over the world. When I face problems, I can solve them on my own and I am able to help the people in need too.

I am writing this letter to introduce and share this with you so you can share it with your students. I hope more students can learn something from this story book. They can learn the importance of teamwork and sharing so they can be kind, helpful and supportive in the future.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Warm regards, Jayden Tsui

Book Read

Book title	1	The Phoenix of Destiny:
		An Epic Kingdom of Fantasy Adventure
Author	1	Geronimo Stilton
Publisher	:	New York, NY: Scholastic Inc., 2015.

Comments

• Rich content.

Neat and clear writing.

WONG Sze Yu Lilian

The True Light Middle School of Hong Kong (Primary Section) Topic I Learn a Secret Recipe for Turning Enemies Into Friends

Dear Jeffrey,

How are you? Time flies, it has been three months since you joined this new school. I hope you are all well getting along with your new classmates.

Recently, I have finished a book called "Enemy Pie". This book is incredibly funny and from which I have learnt something really amazing that I can't wait to share with you.

This story is about a young boy who told his father one day about his number one enemy, a boy who had just moved into the neighbourhood. His father very wisely suggested making an "enemy pie" to get rid of the enemy. However, for the magic of this secret recipe to work he needed to spend an entire day playing with the enemy. The boy unwillingly accepted that. By the end of the day when his enemy was served with the magic pie, the boy realized through the process that his "enemy" was indeed a best friend of him! He became so desperate to stop his friend from eating the pie, only to find that it was just a normal but delicious pie, and it was pretty powerful as the boy did lose his biggest enemy on that day! After reading this awesome story, I feel deeply amused and inspired. Through the interesting experience of the two boys, it brings out an important message: Do not hastily judge a person until you have truly got to know each other! In today's world, there are many people who like to judge someone simply by their appearances, races, birthplaces, etc. We may easily dislike others because of these differences or prejudice, without really knowing the person. The story reminds me of the significance of treating everyone with kindness and respect. It also teaches me the way to bond with others and make friendships. I feel so thrilled to learn this secret recipe that can turn enemies into friends!

I hope you will find this book inspiring. And I believe that you will make a lot of good friends at your new school. Next time when you get annoyed with someone, don't forget to give him a nice treat of the "enemy pie"!

Warm Wishes,

Lilian

Book Read

Book title	1	Enemy Pie
Author	:	Derek Munson
Publisher	:	San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2000.

 Use a book to encourage a friend.
Hope everyone can turn enemies into friends! Very meaningful!

Comments

Some great insights presented.

YEUNG Tsz Hei Marcus

Yaumati Catholic Primary School (Hoi Wang Road)

Topic A New Journey to Scratch

Dear Terry,

It has been so long since your last visit, so I thought I should write a letter to chat with you. How is the weather in Japan? I heard that it was rainy yesterday. Everything is fine in Hong Kong.

Recently, I have had a lot of leisure time because I have had less homework. I spent it in making computer games in Scratch. I had many problems, so my dad bought me a book to assist me. The title of the book is "Make Your Own Scratch Games", which is written by Anna Anthropy and published by No Starch Press. It is a good guide for beginners of Scratch. The sample projects are not difficult to work on as step-by-step instructions are provided. person who wants to explore a dark cave. By completing this sample project, I acquired the techniques of adding animation, sounds and design levels. It was interesting.

Last but not least, I improved my creative ability as well as problem-solving skills by making some extraordinary video games. For example, I thought of a character that no other person had thought of.

In the book, I learnt some knowledge. First of all, Scratch was invented by Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab. I did not know the history of Scratch before I read the book. Moreover, I learnt that the definition of a folk game is a game made by more than one person. I am glad to learn this.

Besides, this book taught me a lot of techniques by some sample projects in different chapters. The sample project that impressed me the most is the one called Hatlight in the third and fourth chapters. It involves a Then, I used my problem-solving skills to create it.

I think this book is user-friendly because it provides many tips. It is like a tutor really sitting next to you and teaching you. I love this book very much. I hope you will read it. Why not make video games together after you read it? Please write back soon.

> Lots of love, Michael

Book Read

- Book title : Make Your Own Scratch Games!
- Author : Anna Anthropy
- Publisher : San Francisco, CA : No Starch Press, 2019

Comments

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