



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Support literacy in your classroom!

- **Host an author at your school** and have students prepare for the visit by reading the author's books and coming up with a list of questions in advance.
- **Write a readers theater script** and have your class act out a scene from a favorite book.
- **Make personal connections** by hand-picking books based on each student's interests and reading level.
- **Invite community leaders** to be guest speakers in your classroom. Have them discuss how important reading is in their job and their life.
- **Create a Kids' Picks display** in your classroom where students can display their newest favorites and pick up books that their friends recommended.
- **Have students exchange book recommendations** in letter format with pen pals from a neighboring classroom or school.
- **Host a Read-a-Thon** or other incentivized reading program in your school.
- **Make yourself available** to your students for extra reading help. Also remember to be there for parents who might need help with their own reading.
- **Start a Reading Buddies Program** pairing older students with younger students.
- **Turn book reports into book adventures** by adding a creative component. For example, have students record a newscast about the book, dress up as one of the characters, or design a board game based on the book.
- **After your class has finished a book**, watch the movie version together and lead a discussion comparing and contrasting the book with the movie. Make sure to have popcorn and snacks handy!
- **Have young readers become young authors** by binding up their stories into book format and displaying them in the school library.
- **Spice things up in your classroom** by challenging students to a book scavenger hunt in the library or an online book WebQuest.
- **Host mock Newbery and Caldecott Award committees** and allow your students to vote on their favorite novels and picture books this year.
- **Show your love of reading** by recommending new books on your voice mail and on your e-mail signature.

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