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Love of Reading / Pajama Day / Valentine's Day: A Perfect Combination

What books have you been loving reading?

Michael: I love all books; I can't choose just one. Right now I'm reading the *History of Pirates*.

Cassandra: *The Magic Treehouse* books!

Kino: *Inside the Actors Studio*. Really. Also *James and the Giant Peach*

Heather (the student): Oh! I love *Sula*, by Toni Morrison. and I love *The Bell Jar*. I could go on and on. And I loved *Wild Swans*, about China.

Emmi: I like a lot of books, but my favorite one is *Holes*.

Alex Huerta: *A Porcupine named Fluffy*. It was my favorite book last year. It will always be my favorite book.

Ariel: I'm loving rereading the whole *Harry Potter* series.

Lela: *Priscilla and the Pink Planet* **Adela:** Anything anime!

Daniel: *Maus*, *Persepolis*, *Love*, *Hina*

It is books that are the key to the wide world; if you can't do anything else, read all that you can.

-- Jane Hamilton



We had a Teddy Bear Picnic at Children Memorial Park last week. It was a gorgeous day for reading bear books and playing frisbee. Mary Jane, Libby, Mary Vega, Alex's mom, primary kids, and all their bears went too. Anna and Mary Lou met them for lunch. Chris' homeroom had cleaned the park the day before, so it was pristine when they got there, Mary Jane said, but they were careful that it was clean when they left, too.

**The dearest ones of time, the strongest friends
of the soul-- BOOKS** -- Emily Dickinson



Zoe: I've been loving Kurt Vonnegut. Vanessa suggested him to me.

Rio: I absolutely love *The Kite Runner*.

Mia: *The Thief Lord*. It's my favorite book.

Mary Jane: The primary students love everything we've been reading. They love being read to. One of their favorite books is *The Bus Ride*. It's a pattern book They each have thier own copy, so they can take it home and read to their parents.

Asha: Love is such a strong word. I enjoyed reading *Beans of Egypt, Maine*. I guess I could say I loved reading, and challenging myself to read, *War and Peace*.

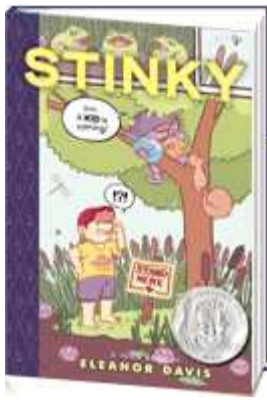
Anna: I've been reading *Love in the Time of the Cholera*. It's an interesting choice for around Valentine's Day because it is all about infidelity.

Christina Paige, Adela and Alexander's mother, loves reading so much she frequently volunteers to teach literature classes here. She just started a class called Speculative Literature that meets on Friday afternoons. They are reading new fiction, often about vampires and werewolves.

Christina loves Elizabeth Bear's *Promethean* series, especially the ones with Christopher Marlowe and Shakespeare.

Caroline: Every week is love of reading week for me.

**People don't realize how a man's whole life
can be changed by one book.** -- Malcolm X



Alumni News: Eleanor Davis

Eleanor's book *Stinky* was just named a Geisel Honor Book by the American Library Association at its annual convention last week.

The winner of the Newbery Award always gets the most attention, but the ALA makes awards in other categories, like the

Caldecott for illustrated books and the Geisel, named for Dr. Seuss, which recognizes the most distinguished books for beginning readers. There were four honor books, plus the winner.

Stinky is Eleanor's first commercially published book. It's one of a series of books in comic book format published by Toon Books for young readers.

Eleanor started drawing comics early on at Kino. As a junior high student doing writing with Jack, she wrote a series called *The Caped Sucker*, inspired by the fact that a half-unwrapped tootsie roll pop looks like it is wearing a cape -- and is easy to draw, too. For her senior project (she graduated in 2001 after 11 years at Kino), she produced a comic book every month.



Libby asked some younger students to finish the phrase "Children should be seen and not -- " Their answers:

- mean
- hitten
- lost
- heard

Just one of the many things you can learn in comparative anatomy class: Fish have tongues!

lots Coming Up

Feb. 26 - 27	No school - Rodeo Days
March 15	Open House: Families interested in learning about Kino are invited to visit from 2 to 4 pm
March 25	Project Night 7 pm
March 28	Hoedown at the Animal Center -- food and music !
April 13 - 17	No school - Spring break
May 2	Silent Auction

Sofia Dances

Sofia's going back to New York City this summer to study at the School of American Ballet, like she did last summer. She had to fly to Albuquerque earlier this month for an audition and found out she was accepted just last week. The School of American Ballet is, according to wikipedia, one of the most famous classical ballet schools in the world; it is a big honor to be accepted, and even a bigger opportunity to be able to study there. Congratulations!!



Studying and living in New York is a costly undertaking, so Sofia is looking for sponsors. If anyone is interested, or if you know anyone who might be interested, in helping sponsor Sofia, there are information packets at the front desk, or you can look at her website at www.sofiaballet.com.

Parent Roundtable Discussion Night: Second Semester

Maybe you are a new parent and haven't quite figured out the "Kino way," or maybe you are a veteran parent and your child is now dealing with different classes and issues, or maybe you just need a shot of confidence that sending your child to Kino is the best way to ensure their happiness and success.

Several years ago, Janet Rae suggested hosting a roundtable discussion night where parents could ask questions and air concerns. It's become a tradition. Last fall's discussion night was such a success, she was asked to do an encore this spring. Now that conferences are over and the second semester is settling in, we have new parents and perhaps a new round of concerns.

Attending the roundtable discussions are parents whose children have been here for years. Mary Jane, David, and Ann will also be there, providing perspective as parents as well as teachers and administrators. Last fall, the new addition of high school students and recent alumni provided a true feeling of Kino community and was a brilliant display of the Kino philosophy in action.

Bring your questions, concerns, or curiosities on **Tuesday, February 24**, for our Parent Roundtable Discussion Night.

