

DDE TEACHER AND STAFF BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Bright, Principal:

A couple of years ago I finally got around to reading I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai. The courage Malala showed in her story (and continues to show today) left me in awe of how much inner strength one young lady can possess. It also reminded me to always be grateful for the freedom I have enjoyed all of my life.

Dr. Austermuhl, Superintendent:

One of my current favorite authors is Jordan Sonnenblick. Recently I have read Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie, Curveball-The Year I Lost My Grip, and Falling Over Sideways. Sonnenblick creates realistic characters and places them in difficult situations. The themes of friendship and kindness are ever present in these books. These stories remind the reader that being kind and a friend to those in need helps not only the one struggling, but the one who sees their friend in pain.

Ms. Erickson, 5th grade:

I recommend Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss. I received this book from my parents on the day that I graduated from high school. They wrote a very heartfelt message inside the front cover, and I read it every now and then to remind myself of all that I have accomplished and all of the exciting things to come. The theme of this book inspires readers of all ages to live life to its full potential, which is something I strive to do. I hope this book will inspire others at DDE, too!

Mrs. Borgstrom, Library:

I loved Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls, which is the story of a country boy's childhood and his love for his two dogs, Old Dan and Little Ann. Keep your tissues handy!

Mrs. Amanto, Library:

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White is a tale of friendship on many levels. This should be a part of everyone's childhood. It will make you cry.

Mrs. Burke, 5th grade:

I recommend Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper. I really enjoyed this book because for the powerful messages that it sends.....don't judge a book by its cover and don't let anyone tell you can't do something.

Mrs. Taylor-Hearn, 7th grade:

Shel Silverstein's A Light in the Attic was a childhood favorite because my dad and I would recite the poems anywhere. To this day, my dad is teaching them to my kids. They're funny, especially "The Twistable, Turnable Man." I would also recommend anything by Jon Scieszka because the humor is refreshing.