

Levittown Literacy Initiative

Department of Elementary Education

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NOVEMBER IS BOOK TASTING MONTH

Book tasting is a perfect way for kids in all grades to nibble on a book and decide if they want to devour the whole thing. When it comes to reading, just like eating, some kids have different palates than others. The perfect thing to do is have a book tasting! It is a great way to get readers to sample different authors, genres, series and more. This month, each building will have book tastings for all students to try different types of books. Ask your child if they have expanded their readers' palates!

NOVEMBER NINJA NIGHT

The Book Ninjas will be hiding books around the neighborhood on the evening of November 25th. Some places may include pizzerias, parks, favorite local restaurants and stores! We hope you are excited to go explore our community and find these hidden treasures. We encourage you to take pictures and post them on social media, using hashtags #LEVtoReadLPS and #BookNinjasLPS. The goal is for students to find a book, read the book and love it. When they have finished reading the book, they can add it to their school's lending library.



Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day

3600 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words

Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day

900 minutes in a school year

Student "C" reads 1 minute each day

180 minutes in a school year



90th percentile



50th percentile



8,000 words

10th percentile

By the end of 6^{th} grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life? (Nagy & Herman, 1987)