4th & 5th Grade Book Club
January 2018 Meeting

1. Sign in, make a name tag, get some snacks
2. If you liked The Landry News .... (more great reads)
3. Introductions - your name and one thing that is unusual about you
4. Announcements/Reminders:
   - Next meeting: February 13, 2018
   - Next month’s book: Finding Someplace / Denise Lewis Patrick

The Landry News by Andrew Clements
A fifth-grade girl starts a school newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burned-out classroom teacher to really begin teaching again, but he is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result.

Discussion:
• What do you think are things that a good teacher does or doesn’t do? How would you feel about having a bad teacher?
• Did knowing anything about Mr. Larson’s background change your feelings about him? Why or why not?
• Do you think Mr. Larson is going to be a better teacher in the future?
• Who was the smartest, Mr. Larsen, Cara Landry, or Dr. Barnes?

• Does your school have a school newspaper? What’s it like? Who works on it?
• Should the principal of a school have the power to censor articles in a school newspaper?
• Why does the Constitution guarantee freedom of speech - - that is, say that the government should not be able to decide what is and isn’t allowed to be printed in a newspaper?
• Should people able to publish lies, mean, or hateful things about others on the Internet or anywhere else?
• Do you know anyone who is a journalist? What do you know about journalism?
• Why would anyone choose to pay for a newspaper when you can get news for free nowadays?
• Which would you rather have, truth without mercy or lies with kindness?

• Would your parents get upset if you wrote an essay or story about them and published it?
• What rights do you have or do you think you should have to keep your information private?

Activity:
How much are you influenced by the person delivering the information or by how they say it?
Find out by playing the Dictionary Game!