

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 be 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!