Why is vocabulary important?

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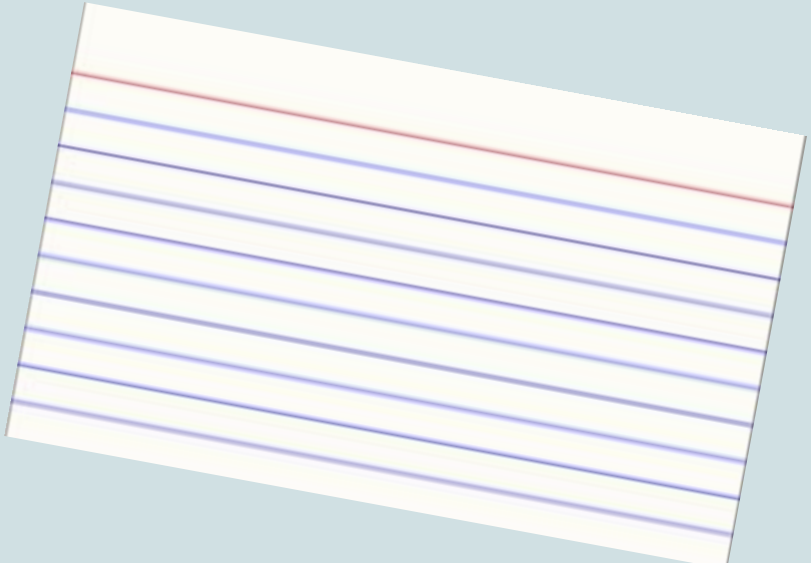
Please write your name and student’s grade.
Jot down questions that come to mind while we spend time together.
You might win a prize at the end. :)



Top Reasons Vocabulary Needs Attention

1 Improves Reading Comprehension

Research has shown that kids need to understand 98% of the words they read to understand what they are reading. Improving vocabulary skills will improve their understanding of novels and textbooks.

2 Language Development

Children who develop a rich vocabulary tend to be deeper thinkers, express themselves better and read more. Improving language and literacy skills early in life will help them be more successful academically and communicatively.

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3 Expressing Yourself in Writing

Having a good vocabulary to draw from can help you write more effectively. Students need to use a more formal tone when writing – not conversational language – and to do that, they need a richer vocabulary to tap into those words we don’t use when we speak.

4 Communicating Ideas

Successful communication or “saying what you mean” is dependent upon a good vocabulary base. Using the right words when talking, makes you a more effective communicator.

SHARE
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IDEAS!

Grade 5 Example

How is vocabulary addressed at school?

#nhproud

Content

Topics of study

Math in Focus, Grade 5 Book A

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Chapter 1: Whole Numbers

- Lesson 1: Numbers to 10,000,000
- Lesson 2: Place Value
- Lesson 3: Comparing Numbers to 10,000,000
- Lesson 4: Rounding & Estimating

Vocabulary

Chapter 1:

- Periods
- Standard
- Word Form
- Expanded Form
- Front End Estimation with Adjustment
- Compatible Numbers

Assessments

View Standards Alignment Details

Chapter 1 Test Prep Assessment
Summative: Test: Common
Grade 5 Chapter 1 Assessment.pdf
9 Standards Assessed

Vocabulary

Investigation 1:

- pendulum
- cycle
- variable
- standard
- controlled experiment
- two-coordinate graph

Investigation 2:

- capacity

Investigation 3:

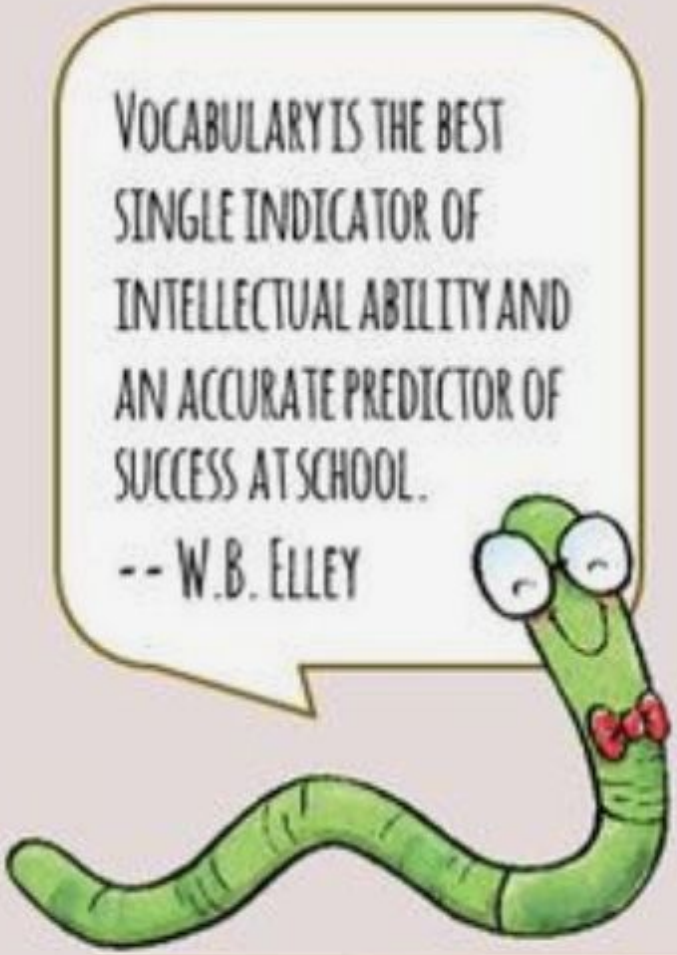
- system

Investigation 4:

- No new vocabulary

Vocabulary

- bot (also called "chatbot" or "personal assistant")
- phishing
- spearfishing
- scam
- trustworthy
- authentic
- verifiable
- deceptive
- manipulation
- fraudulent
- firewall
- malicious
- catfishing
- click-bait
- online privacy
- digital footprint (or digital presence)
- reputation
- personal information
- oversharing



Most vocabulary is learned indirectly.
Some must be taught directly.

INDIRECT LEARNING

- ORAL LANGUAGE
- LISTENING TO READING
- INDEPENDENT READING

DIRECT LEARNING

- TEACH SPECIFIC WORDS
- WORD-LEARNING STRATEGIES

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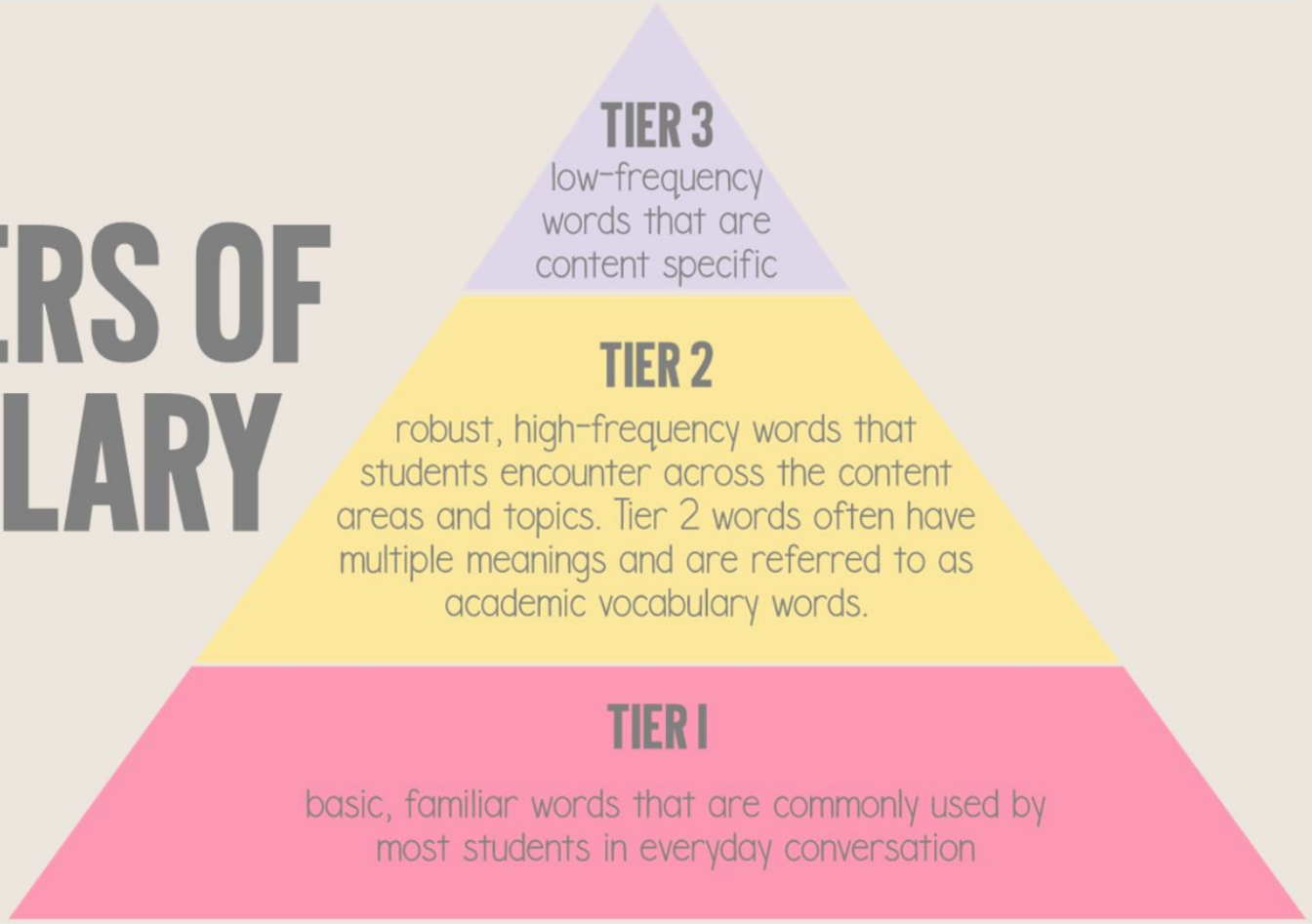
THE 3 TIERS OF VOCABULARY



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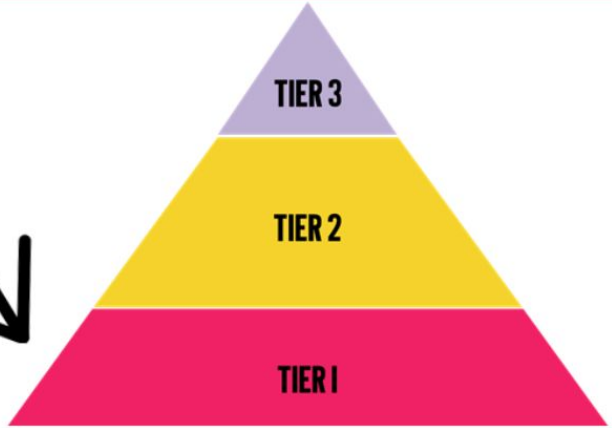
Tier I vocabulary words consist of basic, familiar words that are commonly used by most students in everyday conversation.



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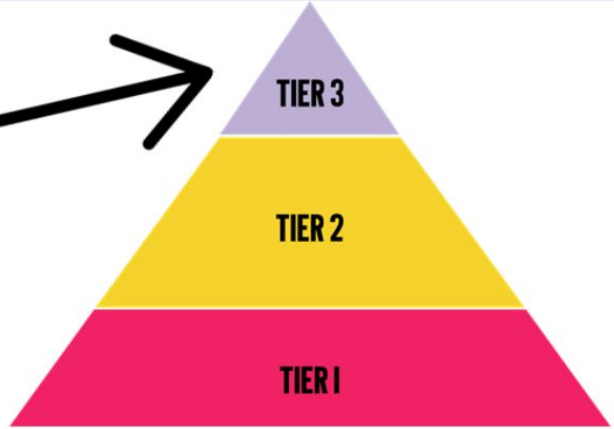
TIER 3 VOCABULARY

Tier 3 vocabulary words are low-frequency words that are content specific. These words have distinct meanings and purposes.



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osmosis

thesis

electrolyte

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aorta

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TIER 2 VOCABULARY

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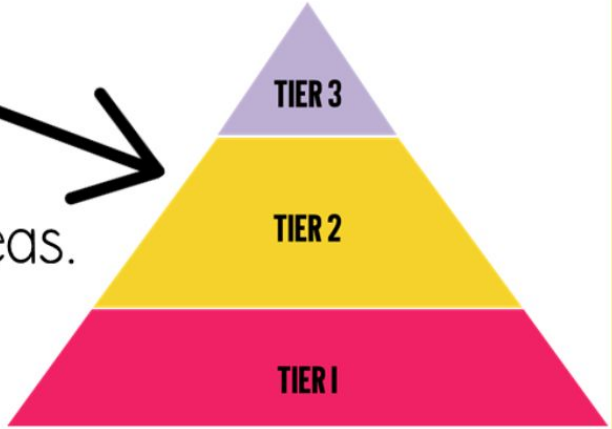

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YOU Can Help Build Vocabulary At Home - Daily!

Students are reading,

Writing,

Speaking,

Listening

All Day, Every Day!

PA Literacy Standards in All Grades

SUPER
SPELLER

WORD
OF THE
DAY

SERMON
JUMPING
LINK

CELEBRATE!

Ideas to Build Vocabulary at Home

- Make conversations a priority with your child.
- Use spelling words each week in a sentence or in a paragraph about something the child really enjoys.
- Play word games together (suggestions on next slide)
- When your child uses a new word, celebrate their achievement.
- Read together and read to your child. They are not too old!
- Choose a word of the day to teach your child - focus on Tier 2 words.

SCRABBLE
JUNIOR
MY FIRST SCRABBLE GAME
AGES 5+
WARNING:
ADULT ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

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BOGGLE
Your preschooler's first B game
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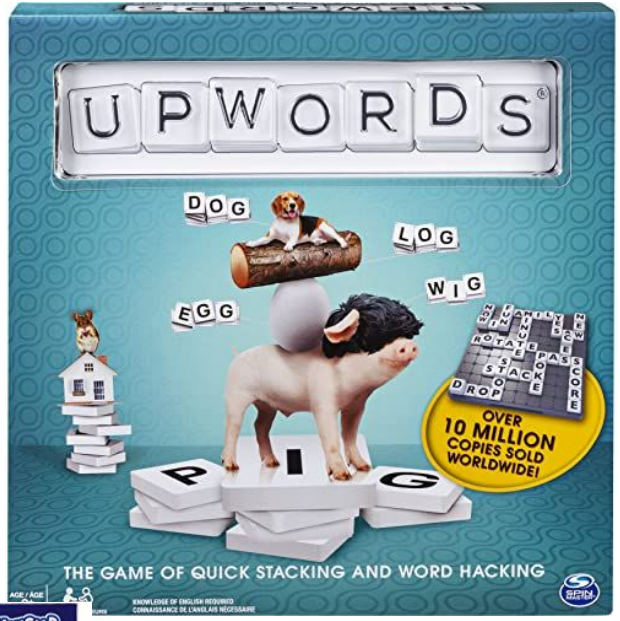
CHOKING HAZARD-Small parts. Not for children under 3 years.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THE GAME OF QUICK STACKING AND WORD HACKING

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Zingo!
BINGO with a ZING
Zingo!

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Quiddler
20 AWARDS
for the FUN of words
The SHORT Word Game
Junior

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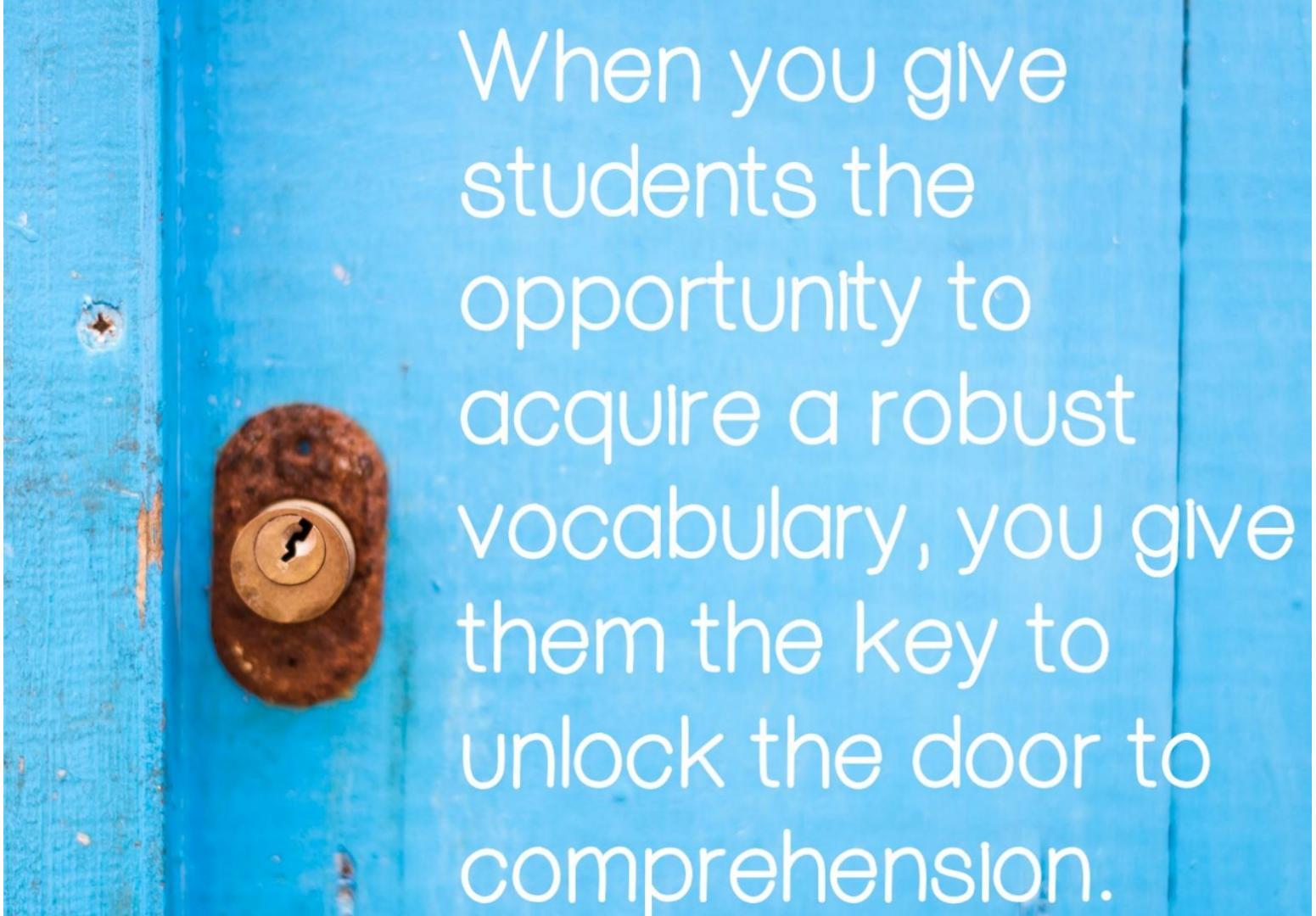
When you give
students the
opportunity to
acquire a robust
vocabulary, you give
them the key to
unlock the door to
comprehension.

Apps & Websites for Practicing Reading at Home

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West View, koryakc@nhsd.net

Apps & Websites for Practicing Reading at Home

Classlink:

- BookFlix
- TrueFlix
- Sora
- Reading Counts

School Library Website:

- Destiny Discover
- Nonfiction Websites:
  - World Book
  - PebbleGo

Free Public Library Pages:

- Hoopla
- Libby
- Open Library

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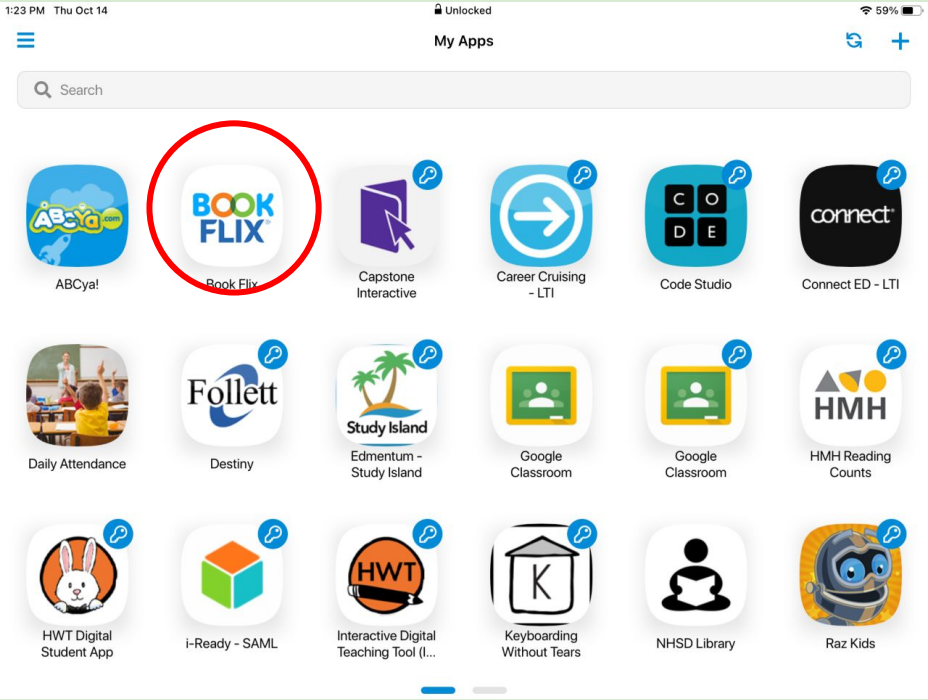
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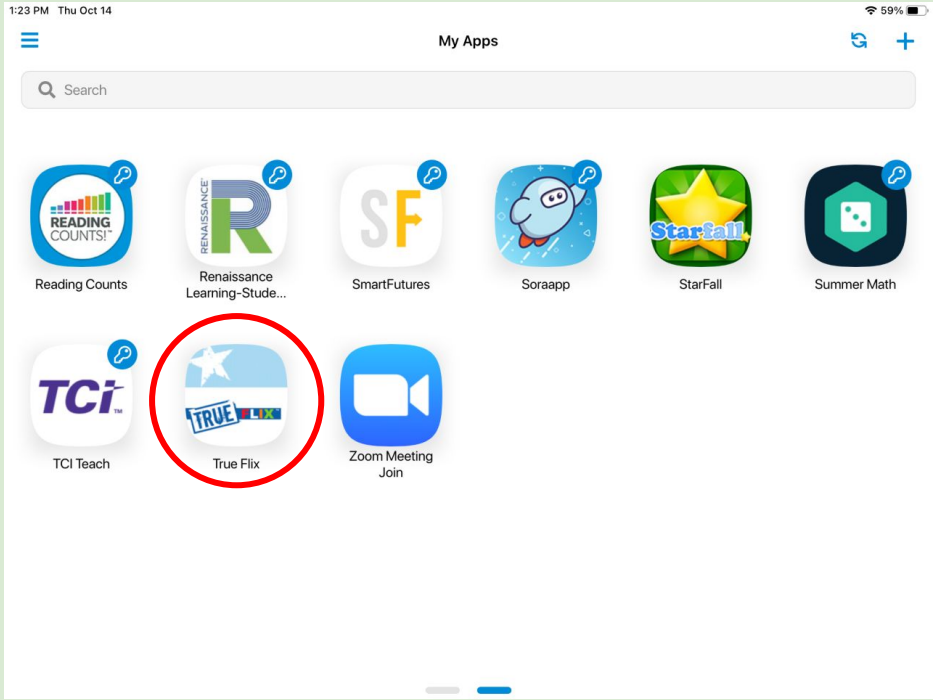
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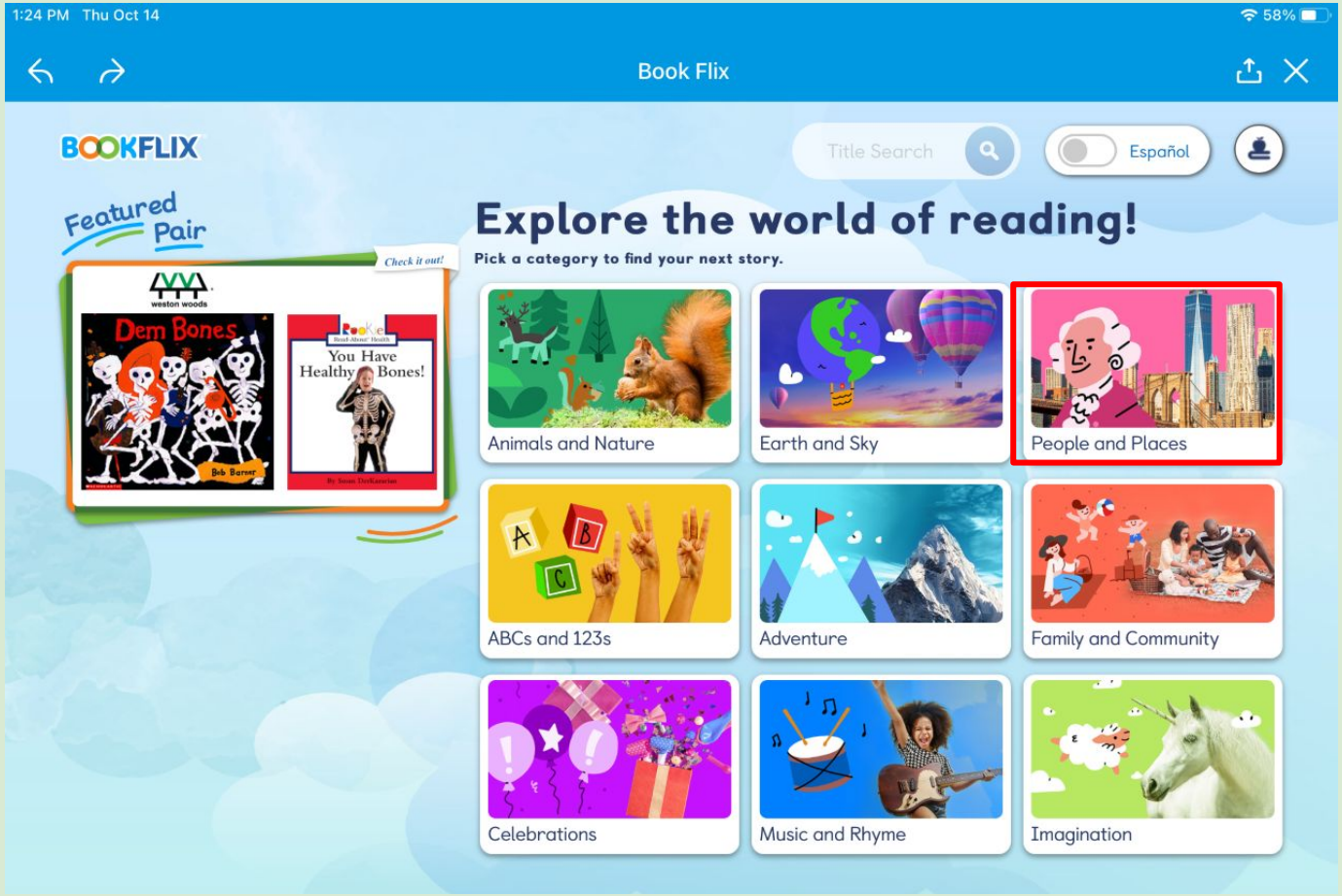
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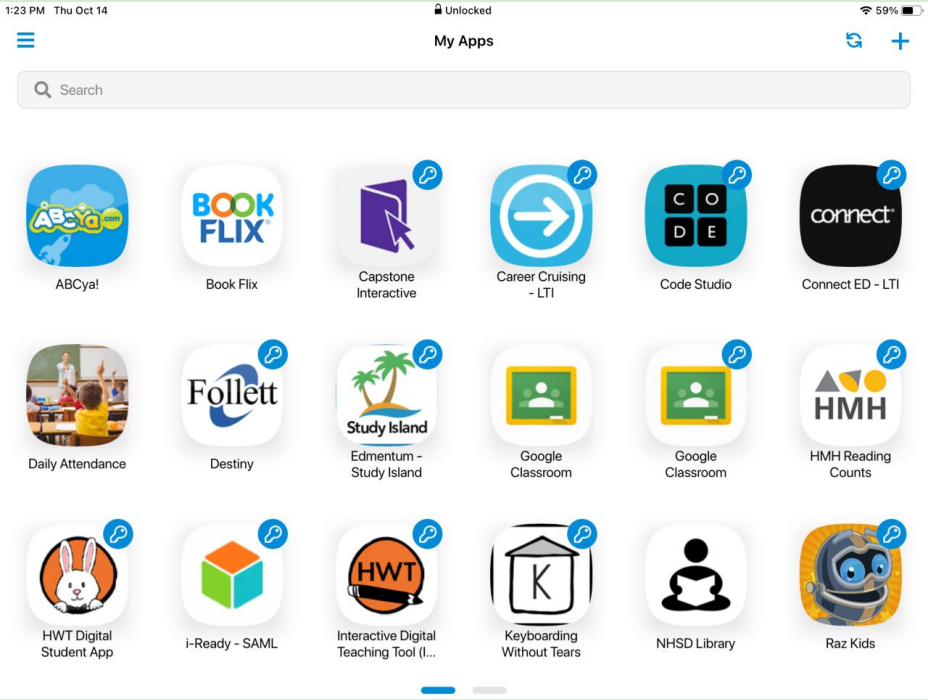
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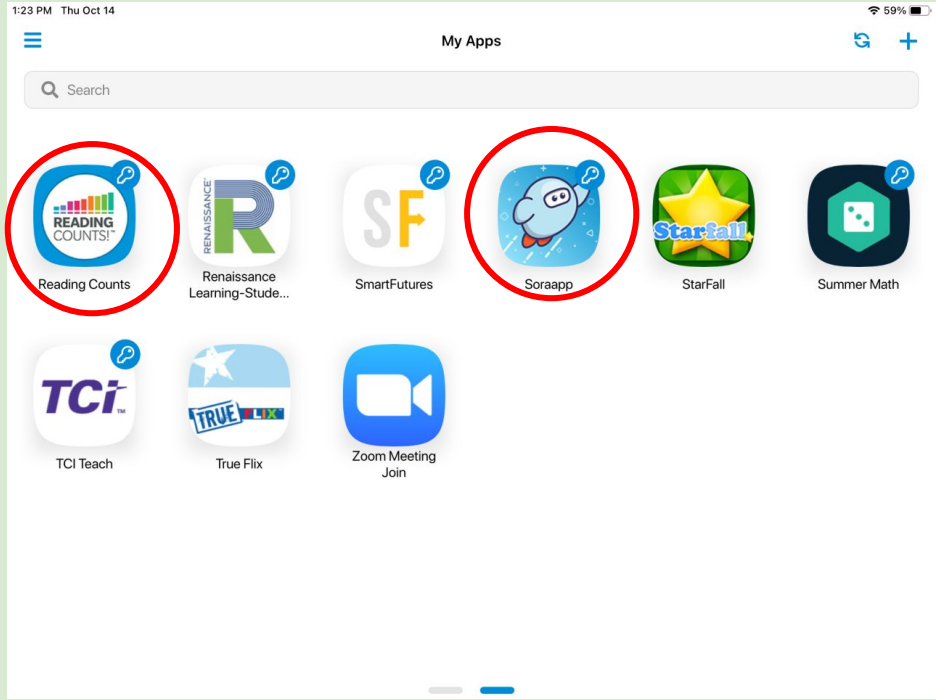
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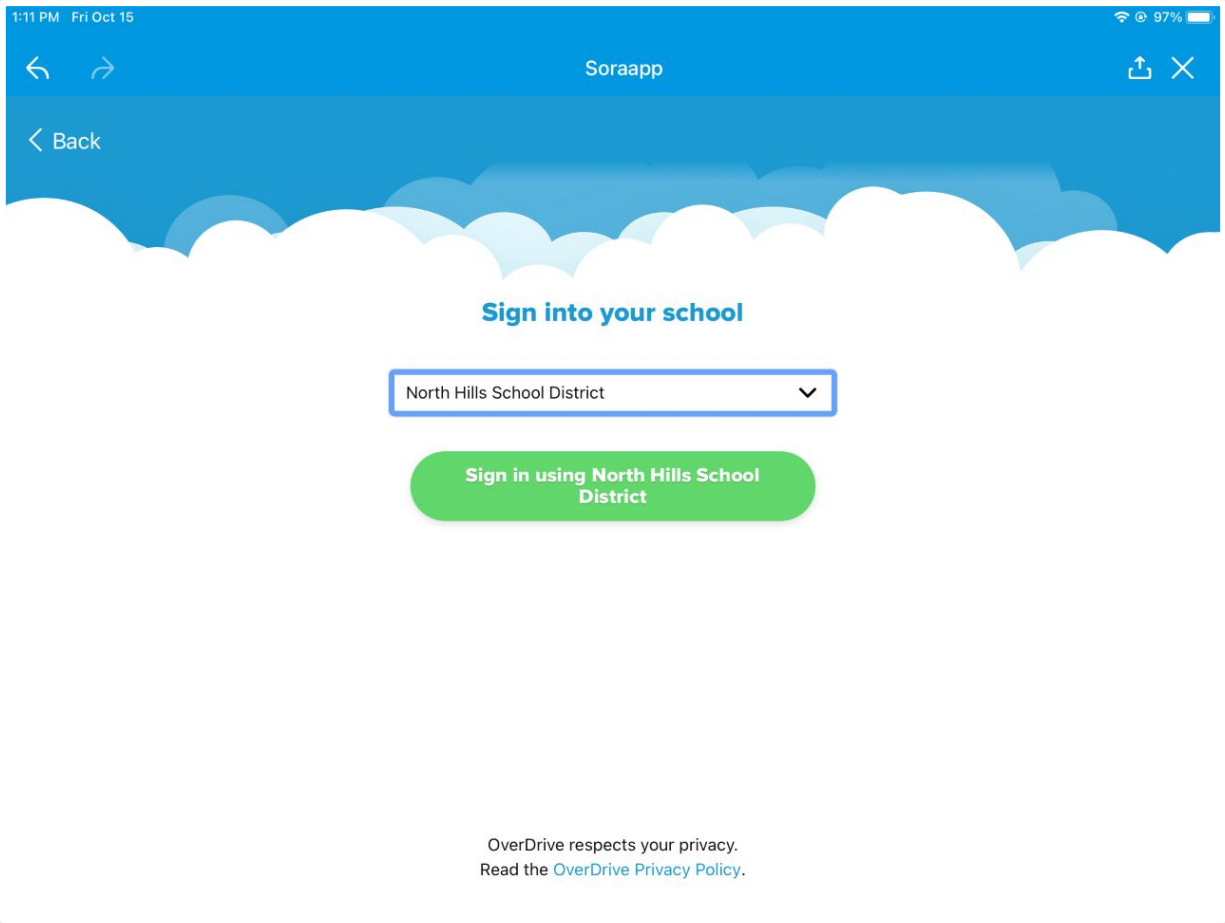
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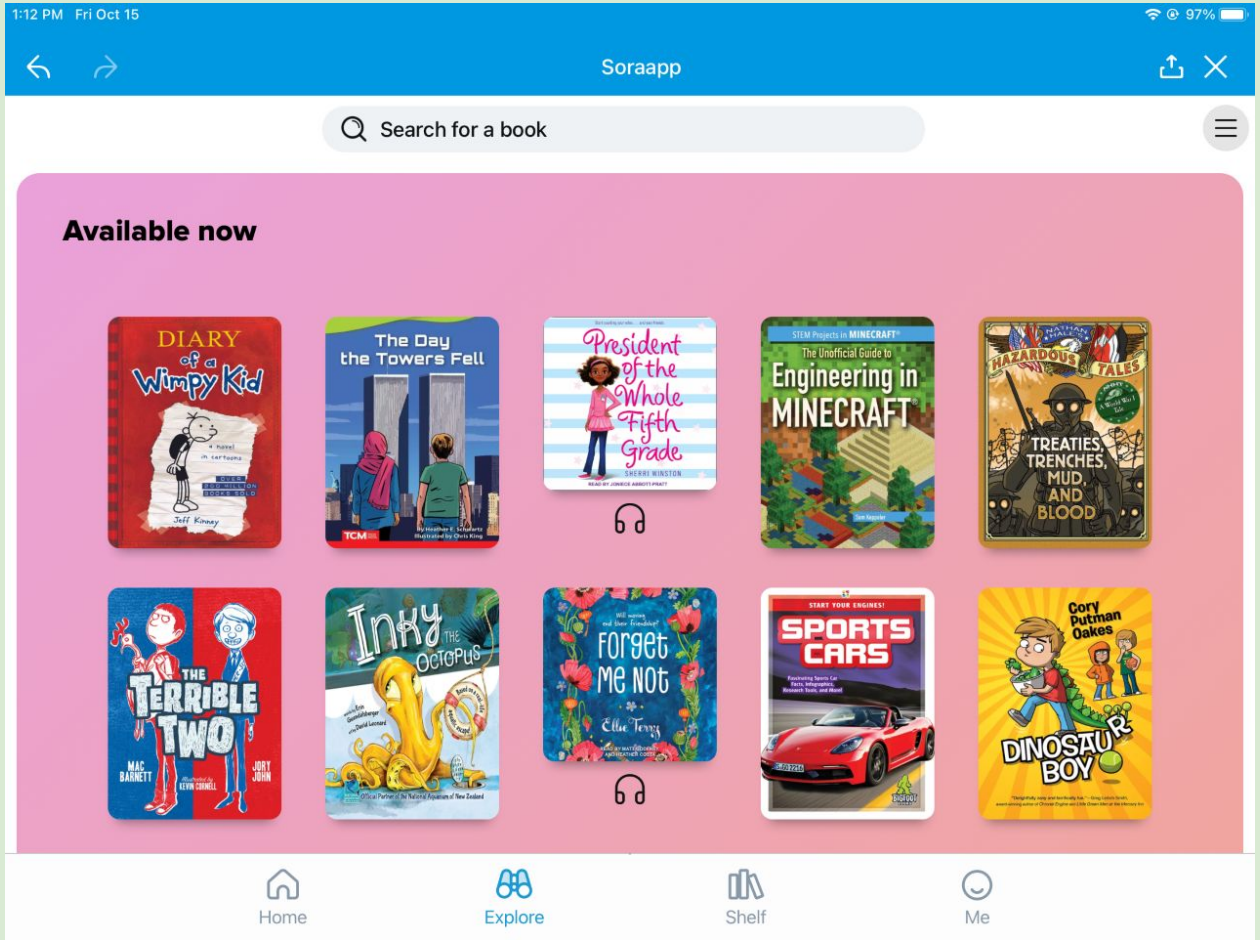
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THE TERRIBLE TWO
MAC BARNETT
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Reading counts

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INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING

Recommended Reading Report

STUDENT: [redacted]

School: West View Elementary
Teacher: Chelsea Koryak
Grade: 3
Class: Handwriting-Koryak

READING COUNTS!™

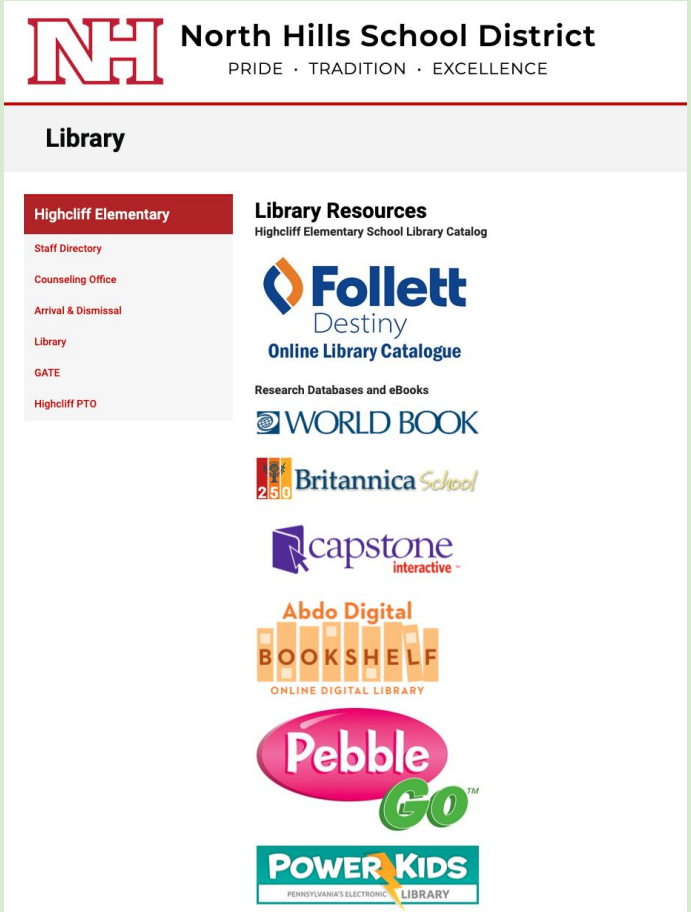
Time Period: 08/01/21 – 07/01/22

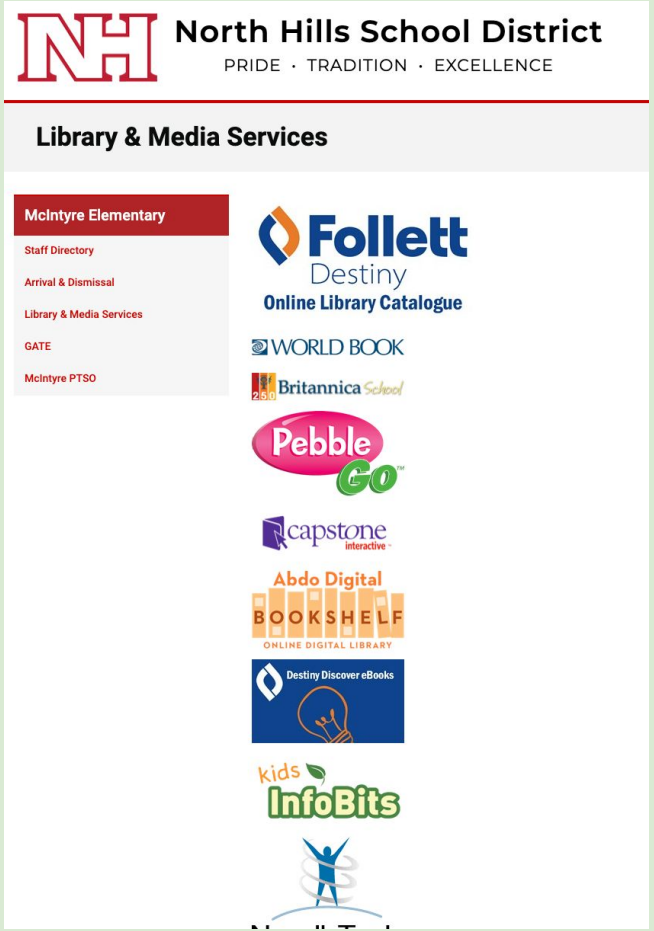
Test Date: N/A
Student Lexile®: N/A

Solana, here are some great books at your reading level.

READING INTEREST	QUIZ	TITLE	AUTHOR	LEXILE®
Animals		Tornado	Byars, Betsy	500
		Bear Has A Story To Tell	Stead, Philip C.	540
		Hooper Finds A Family	Paley, Jane	540
		Dinosaurs Of Waterhouse Hawkins, The	Kerley, Barbara	550
		One And Only Ivan, The	Applegate, Katherine	570
		Pet War, The	Woodrow, Allan	590
		Little Flower	Rand, Gloria	600
		Memoirs Of A Hamster	Scillian, Devin	600
		Because Of Winn-Dixie	DiCamillo, Kate	610
		Wolves Are Back, The	George, Jean Craighead	630

School Library Websites





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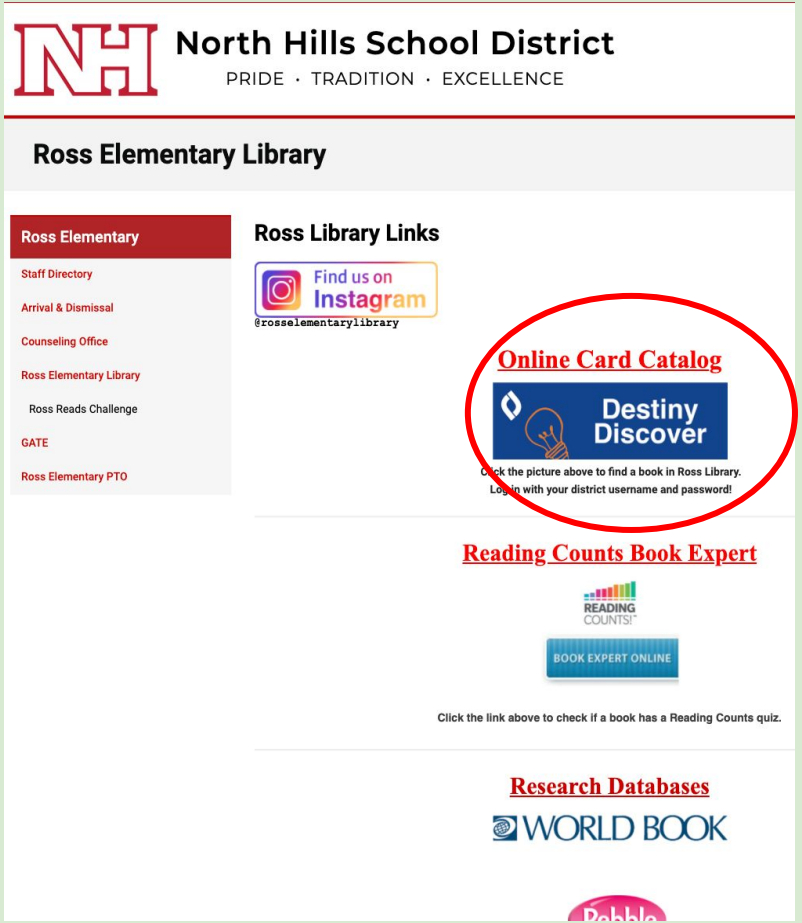

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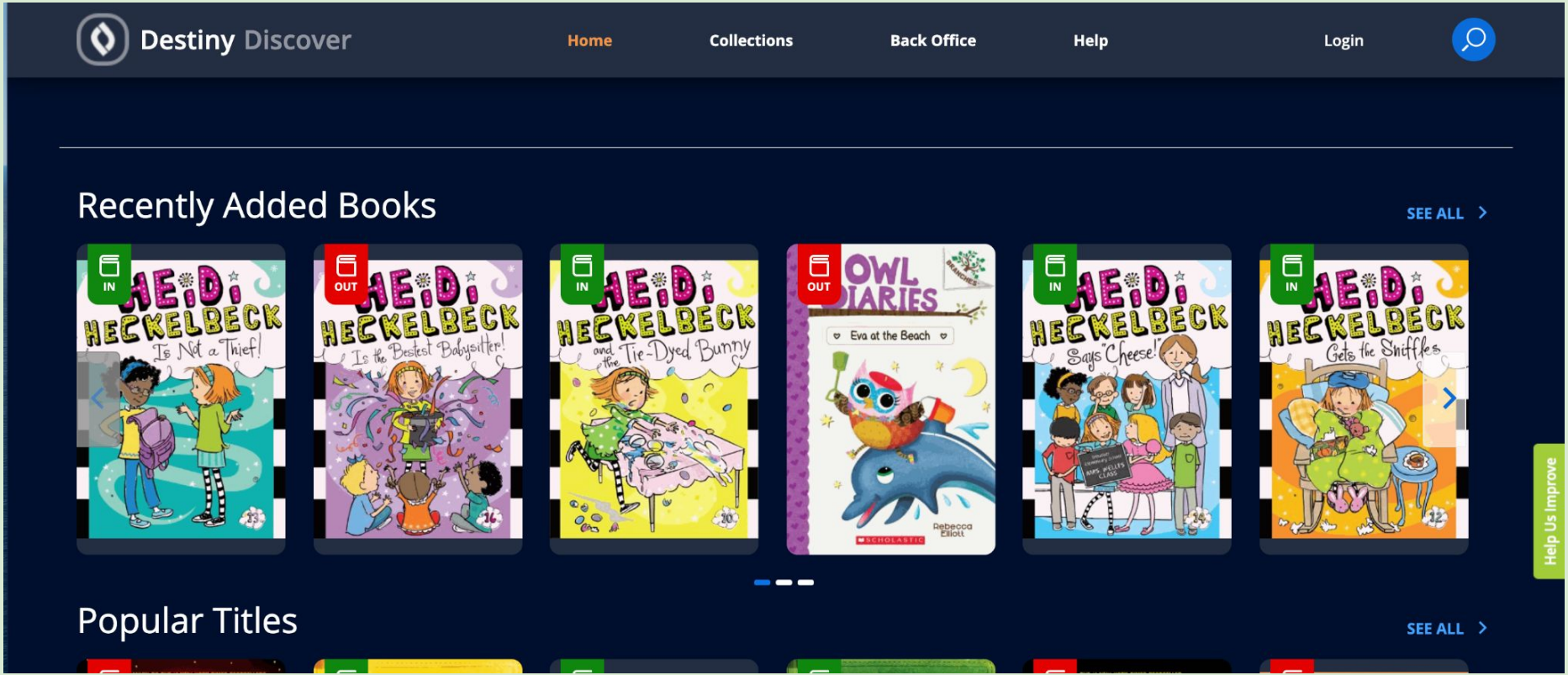

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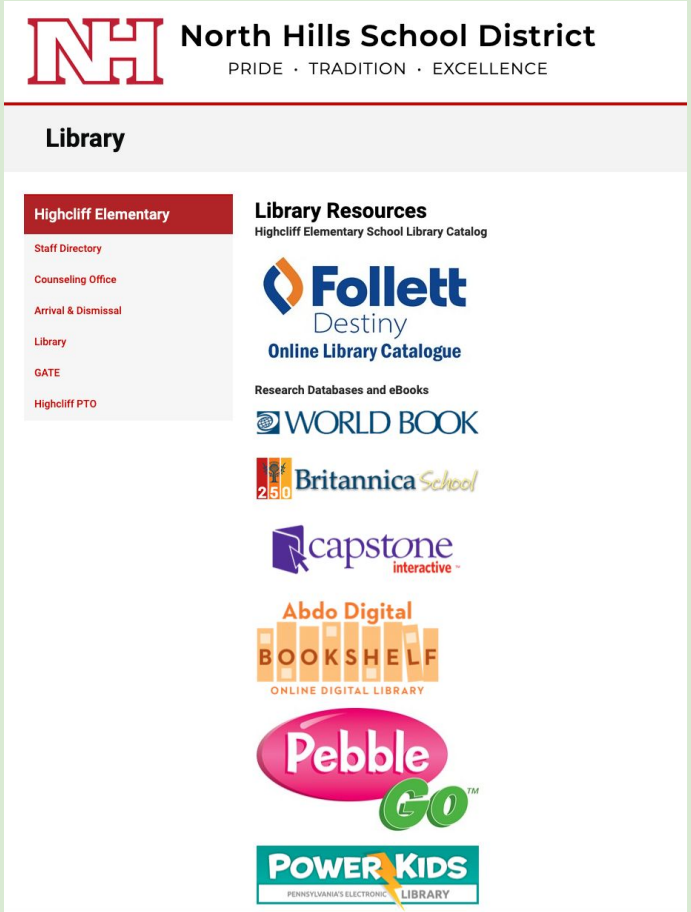

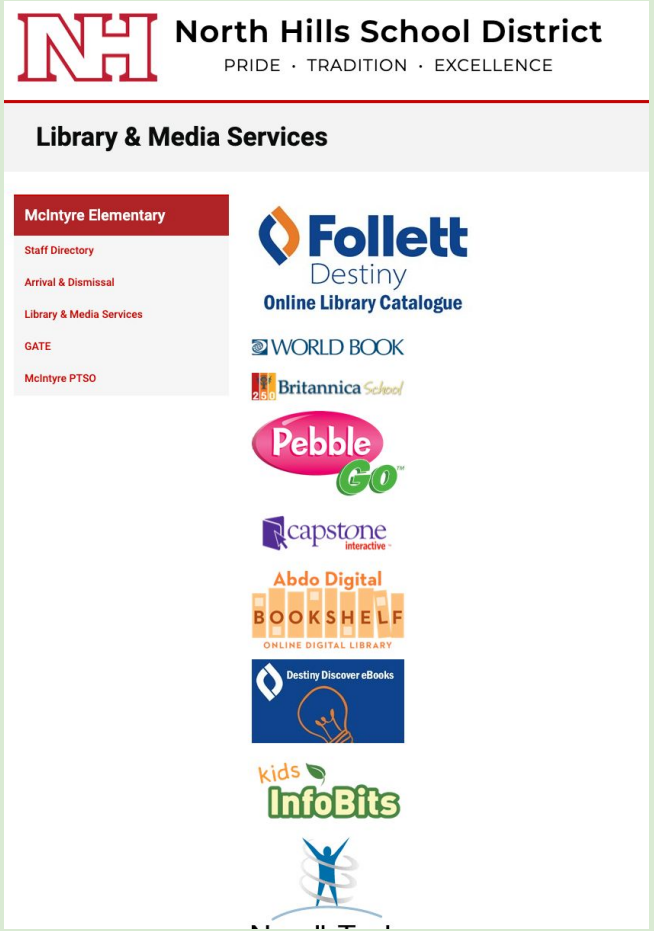

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