

Jan Stauber Grant Final Report
Salem Elementary School

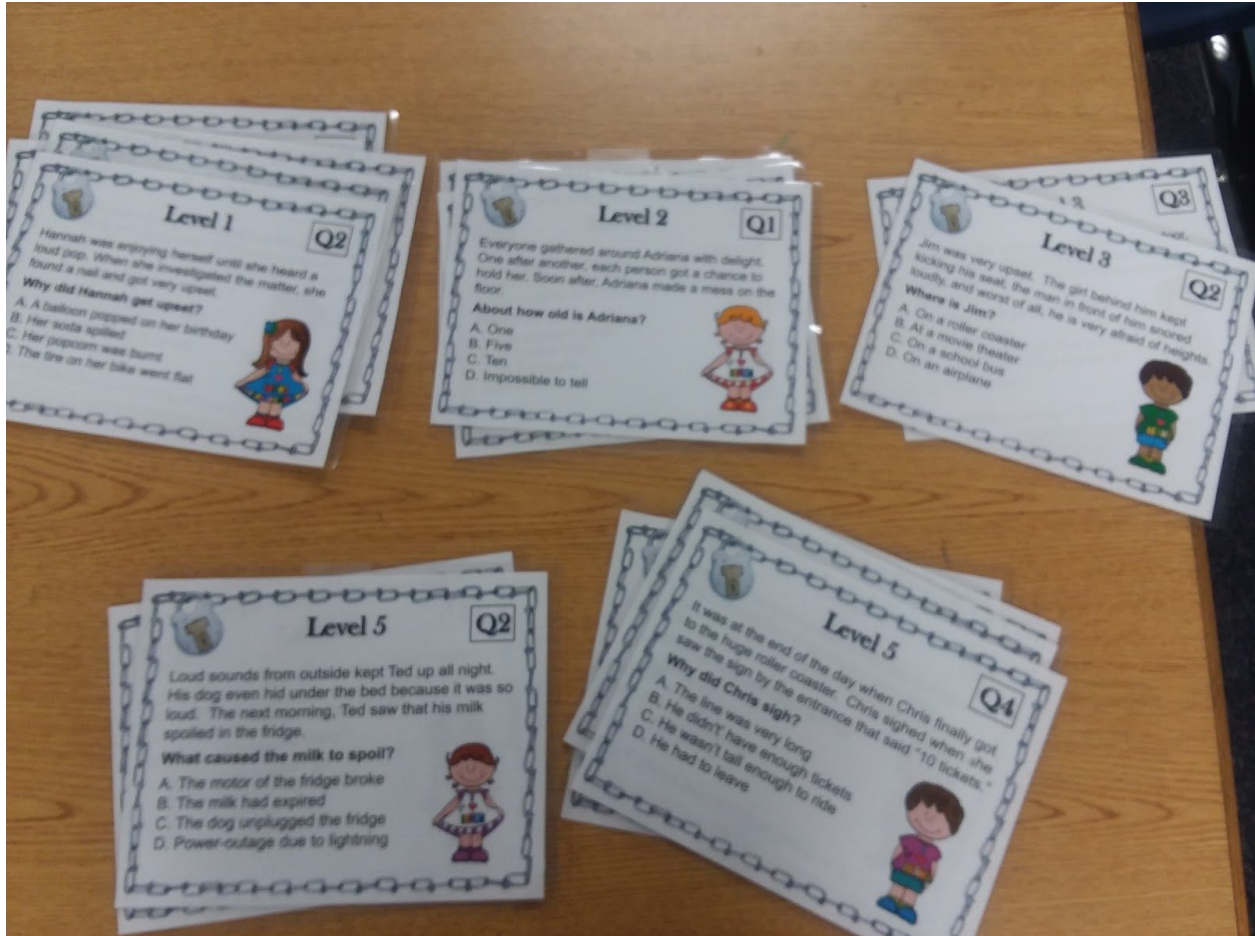
Description of Final Project:

Students at Salem Elementary had never heard about Sherlock Holmes. When introduced, to the Detective, I shared a PowerPoint presentation with them detailing his work and facts. We also “visited” the London location and took a brief tour of his home. To begin the year as detectives, we completed a breakout with Melville Dewey and Sherlock Holmes. The two “partnered” up and would not let the students check out books until they followed the clues and solved the mystery. The library was able to purchase a set of graphic novels describing the adventures of Sherlock Holmes.



We focused on reading a small portion of each book to hook students to read the graphic novel series. I then highlighted the book “The Adventure of the Speckled Band” and read the entire story to the students, so we could then participate in a reader’s theatre version of the story appropriate for 4th grade. Students were hooked on the story line and wanted to find out who or what had killed the sister. I was able to locate a version of the reader’s theatre on Teachers Pay Teachers (rights prohibit me from sharing). Students enjoyed pretending to be a detective like Sherlock Holmes to solve the case. All of the books seen here were never on the shelf. They were in constant circulation and I would help students to find other mystery novels when these were unavailable.

Students also participated in using their drawing conclusions and inferencing skills, like Sherlock Holmes, to help breakout of an Escape Room. Students were placed in partners and they had to go around the library reading clues and answering questions. There were five levels the students had to go through in order to “breakout.” This breakout involved multiple steps simulating the work of a detective. Students had to read the passages, answer questions, and complete all work for one level before moving on to the next. Once students completed a level, they were able to use a Chromebook to “record” their answers and solve a puzzle to move onto the next level. Once all five levels were completed, there was a special code that needed to be used in order to breakout!



After students were able to “unlock” the digital code, students were given the opportunity to use a breakout box .



Goals that were achieved:

Students loved “solving” the cases and answering questions to help them breakout. The skills that we discussed Sherlock Holmes using were very similar, if not the same, as what they needed to use in order to complete their assignment. Students used critical thinking skills that not only helped them with this “case,” but this was a wonderful way to review reading skills that they use while in the classroom or outside of school. Sometimes, students see learning in isolation. By introducing a new genre of literature, a famous detective, and new learning materials, students were able to see how often they are using critical thinking skills. They also learned the sense of accomplishment while completing a task. Often times, our students do not have opportunities to feel successful. Activities and materials that were provided empowered them as thinkers.

Project Impact

With the help of the Jan Stauber Grant, I was able to provide additional funds to our library budget to purchase Breakout Boxes through Breakout Edu and high interest graphic novels for students to read. The students developed a new love for mystery reading and were excited to become student detectives! And they were very excited when the movie, “Sherlock Gnomes” was released in March! Students were also able to make connections outside of the classroom

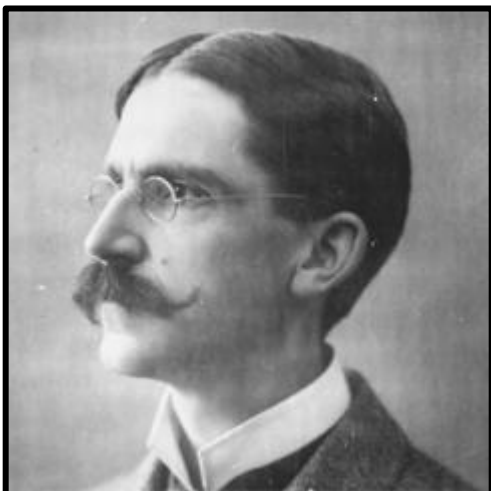
and understand how reading is not a subject in isolation. Using critical thinking skills is needed and often required in many areas of life. The students and staff here at Salem Elementary School are very appreciative of this grant!

Lock	Combination	Clue
5 Letter Lock	Water	Go to Call # 551.46 Fro A five letter word in the title will open a lock. Answer: Water As A Liquid
4 Letter Lock	Moon	Go to Call # 523.3 What types of books are in this section? Moon
4 Number Lock	9732	Find the book, Why Did English Settlers Come to Virginia? 973.2
3 Number Lock	350	What is the Call # for Military Books? Look for a library tag! 350
Key Lock	Key	Find the BIGGEST book in the Biography Section (Put into big dictionary)
Directional Lock		Path to get from reference to fiction

Breakout Challenge!

Can you break out? Melville Dewey loves library books and so does his Detective friend, Sherlock Holmes. In fact, they love books so much, they don't want you to check them out. EVER. To check out books today, you must use the clues Melville and Sherlock give you to open the box...and get the library cards.

Do you accept the challenge? If so, open to the next page and begin solving the clues and open the box.



Clue 1

Go to Call # 551.46 Fro

A five letter word in the title will open a lock.

Clue 2

Go to Call # 523.3

What types of books are in this section?

A four letter word will open a lock.

Clue 3

Find the book, **Why Did English Settlers Come to Virginia?** In the Geography and History section. What is the Call #?

The numbers will open a lock.

Clue 4

What is the Call # for Military Books? Look for a library tag!

The 3 numbers will open a lock.

Clue 5

Look at the map. What direction would you have to move to go from Poetry to the Arts and Recreation section?

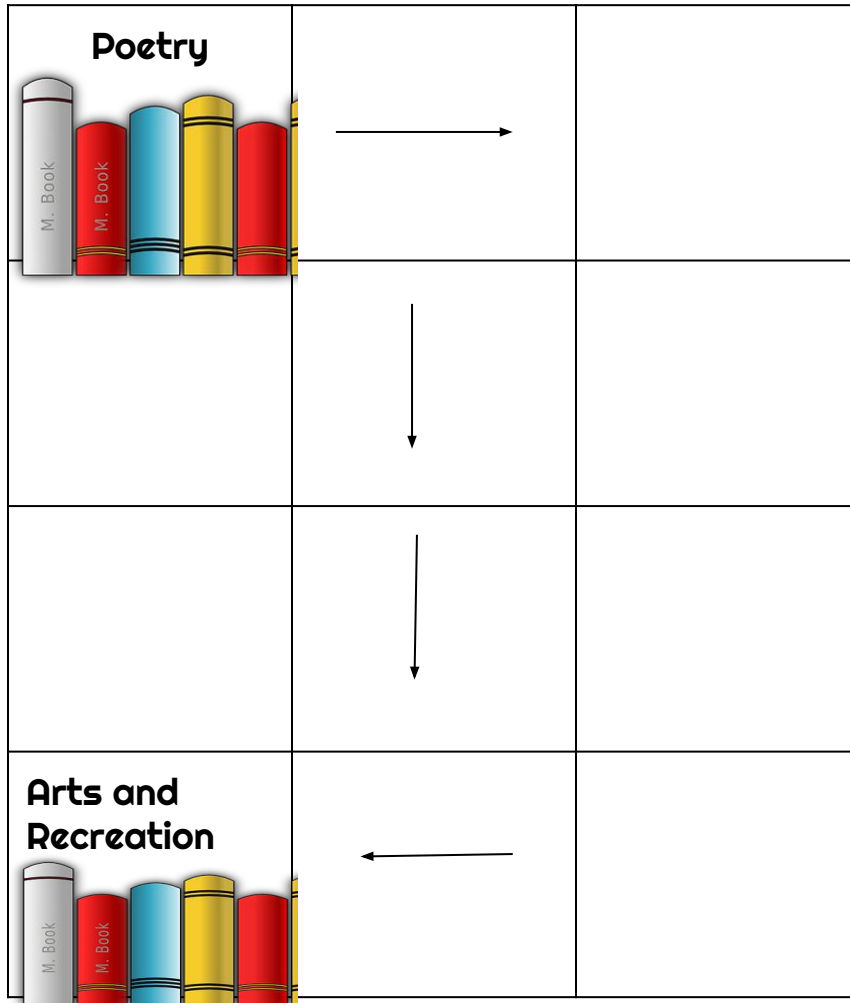
The cardinal directions will open a lock.

Clue 6

Find the biggest book in the Biography section.

Open it to find the key that matches the color of your box.

What are the cardinal directions to get from the Poetry Section to the Arts and Recreation Section



**Congratulations!
You broke into the box!**

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Who is Sherlock Holmes?

And what's so special about him?



Who is Sherlock Holmes?

- Fictional detective created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- Lives at 221B Baker Street in London
 - You can send him a letter!



Howddishe?

No one knows Sherlock's actual birthday but through the power of deduction, some think it is January 6th, 1854!



What does Sherlock do?

- He is a master of observation and deduction, uses these skills to solve crimes with his partner, Dr. Watson
- Solves most of the mysteries without leaving his house
- What else can Sherlock do?
 - Plays violin
 - Knows A LOT about chemistry
 - Expert boxer, singlestick player, and swordsman



Dr. John Watson

- Sherlock's friend and partner
- English physician
- Born in 1852
- Smart but not as smart as Sherlock Holmes
- Lived together before Watson was married
- Holme's stories are told by Watson (narrator)



Who are Sherlock's enemies?

James Moriarty



Sebastian Moran



Sherlock has solved

1,000

Cases and more!!!
