

TK READS ALONG WITH SURPRISE GUESTS

Books possess the unique ability to transport their reader into a world different from their own. In TK, Mrs. Christi Roberts nurtures her students' fresh love and curiosity for reading by coordinating activities and events that encourage the students to engage with their learning! The Surprise Reader series is one example of the hands-on lessons happening in the TK classroom.

The readers are grandparents, parents, siblings, and other family members who have been invited into the classroom to surprise their TK student by reading a book aloud to the class. Each reading brings loved ones in to not only witness, but become a part of, their student's education. The books read aloud, including *Burglar Bill* and *Cops and Robbers* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and *The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear* by Don and Audrey Wood, strengthen problem solving skills, an understanding of justice, and encourage creativity. Reading aloud also allows TK students to practice blending sounds in their CVC and heart words. The reader's tone and inflection in each sentence is a key component in the students' broader knowledge of reading. All of our surprise readers have done a great job of creating that necessary immersion, some guests even dressing up in character or bringing a book-related snack for the students to enjoy!

The Surprise Reader series is an example of the strong community of people that surround our students, an embodiment of the unyielding love and care in God's kingdom. The readers provide the dynamic and exciting learning experience necessary for the spiritual and academic encouragement of these young students. An educational journey is full of surprises, and for our TK students, this will not be the last!



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