**Genre Study**

We focused on 8 specific genres, one per month. We read books from each genre and learned each genre’s location in the library. We also did lessons and activities relating to some of the genres.

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| ***Month*** | ***Genre*** |
| Sept. | Mystery |
| Oct. | Fantasy |
| Nov. | Informational |
| Dec. | Poetry |
| Jan. | Fairy Tale / Folktale |
| Feb. | Biography |
| Mar. | Historical Fiction |
| Apr. | Award Winners |

I created Genre booklets for each student grades 1-5. We worked on them during library class, and I kept the booklets in the library and we added to them each month. We defined each genre and gave example books. For the younger kids, I had them cut and paste definitions and books. Older kids wrote in the definitions and wrote in their own book titles. At the end of the year, they identified their favorite genre and had a completed booklet to take home to show what they learned throughout the year.

**BOOK LISTS**

**Mystery**

* The Mysterious Tadpole / Kellogg
* Nate the Great / Sharmat
* Web Files / Palatini
* Detective LaRue / Teague
* Book talked age appropriate mystery series: Chet Gecko, Boxcar Children, Jigsaw Jones, Cam Jansen, A to Z mysteries, etc.

**Fantasy**

* Tuesday / Wiesner
* Pinkalicious / Kann
* Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs / Barrett

**Informational**

* First the Egg / Seeger
* Waiting for Wings / Ehlert
* What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? / Jenkins
* Christian the Lion / Bourke (shared the story, didn’t read the whole book)

**Poetry** (We did this in December, so we used Christmas-themed poetry.)

* ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas / Brett
* Dinosaurs’ Night Before Christmas / Muecke

**Fairy tales / Folktales**

* Rapunzel
* The Ugly Duckling
* The Frog Prince
* Rumpelstiltskin
* Jack & the Beanstalk
* The Princess & the Pea
* The Princess & the Pizza
* The Boy Who Cried Wolf
* The Wolf Who Cried Boy

**Biography**

* Of Thee I Sing
* Mia Hamm: Winners Never Quit
* Sasha & Malia
* Our Children Can Soar
* Eat My Dust, Henry Ford
* Keep the Lights Burning, Abby

**Historical Fiction**

* Winter Days in the Big Woods
* Josefina Story Quilt
* Wagon Wheels / Brenner
* Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek / Hopkinson
* Players in Pigtails / Corey

**Award Winners** (not really a genre, but I wanted to highlight these)

* Theodor Seuss Geisel Award and Honor Books
	+ Hi! Fly Guy / Arnold
	+ Jazz Baby
	+ Kitten’s First Full Moon / Henkes
	+ My Friend Rabbit
	+ The House in the Night
	+ When Sophie Gets Angry / Bang
	+ There is a Bird on Your Head / Willems
	+ We Are in a Book / Willems
* Caldecott Award and Honor Books
	+ The Man Who Walked Between the Towers
	+ Show Way
	+ Interrupting Chicken
	+ Owen / Henkes
	+ Officer Buckle & Gloria
	+ Click Clack Moo
	+ Where the Wild Things Are
* Newbery – Book talked some Newbery titles for older students