



Our Living Minute

In an effort to increase opportunities for students to share more information about their home reading lives, all children will participate in a new routine called, “Our Living Minute.” On scheduled days, 2 students will share a favorite nonfiction items. Those items could include:

- A nonfiction book
- Nonfiction poetry
- A map
- An info-graphic: photo, diagram, table, graph, etc.
- A website that requires nonfiction reading (students will show the class the website using the computers in our room)
- A magazine or newspaper article
- Directions for a game, using a product, or building something
- Recipes
- Programs from special events like a play, museum visit, etc.
- Any other nonfiction item you think would be of interest to others

Each student will have one minute to show their selected nonfiction example, explain why the item was chosen and describe why the item is interesting, helpful, or puzzling. The class will also have a chance to ask questions about the item. The nonfiction item will remain in the classroom for at least one week so that others can read or use the selected Living Minute items. If a book or magazine cannot be left at school, I can make a copy of the cover and will try to get a library copy as substitute.

Please see the attached schedule so your child can plan to share in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support and happy reading!

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