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Making Music

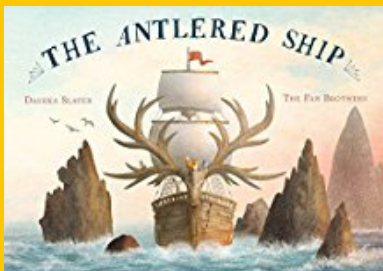
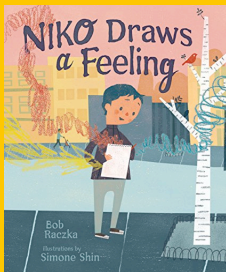
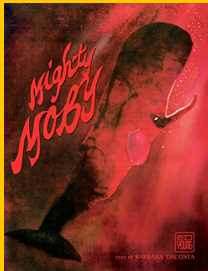
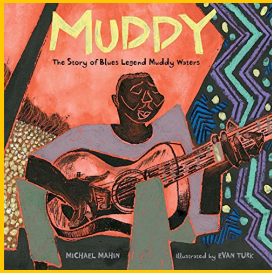


If you enter Truro Central School on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday morning, you may hear the sounds of a dozen different instruments warming up, or sweet voices running up and down their scales. These are the tones of our music ensemble practices in the morning. Students sing or play various instruments from snare drums, to saxophones, to cellos, to flutes. In addition to their small group lessons, students arrive to school early in the morning to participate in ensemble, where students unite to create harmonies as a band, an orchestra, or chorus. Check the Truro Central School website for updates on when you can see and hear these musicians and how well all of their hard work and practice has paid off.



Traveling Abroad

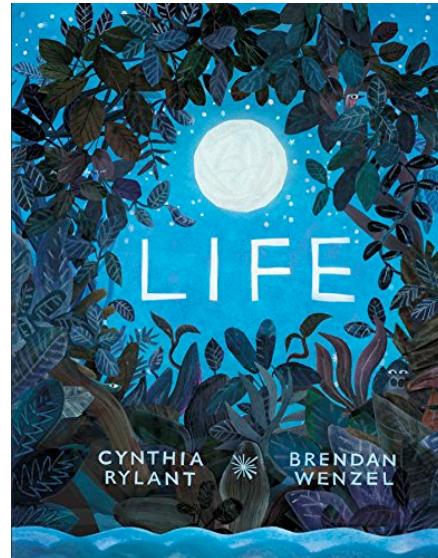
Ms. Waldo's Spanish classes have been traveling around the world, visiting different Spanish speaking cultures. They have just



finished learning about the lush, North American Country of Costa Rica, and they are about to embark on a virtual journey to Spain.

Mock Caldecott

And the winner is...

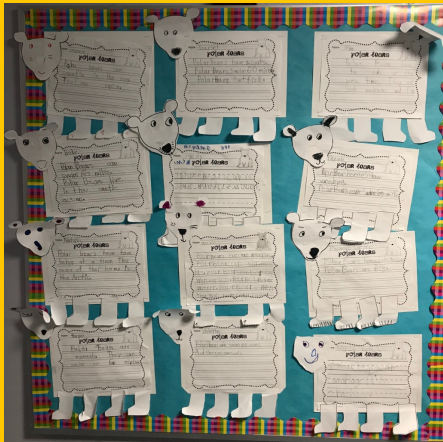


Life

written by Cynthia Rylant
and

illustrated by Brendan Wenzel

The six books nominated by the Truro Public Library excited a lot of passion and debate amongst the classes. The fifth grade were strongly in favor of Michael Mahin and Evan Turk's *Muddy: The Story of Blues Legend Muddy Waters*, whereas the second and first grade really enjoyed *Mighty Moby* by Barbara daCosta and illustrated by Ed Young. However, Brendan Wenzel's illustrations and the uplifting message of Cynthia Rylant's *Life* resonated with students throughout the building. Let's see if the American Library Association agree and gives *Life* the Caldecott Medal this February.



Another TCS Tradition Continues

For many years at Truro Central School, the second and fifth grades have been meeting once a month for games. This multiage activity provides an opportunity for the older students to support the younger students in our building, developing friendships and modeling appropriate social skills.

Arctic Animals and Martin Luther King

First and second grades have been focusing on reading non-fiction texts of late, and as a result have produced some great pieces of writing to show what they know. In first grade, students have been studying polar bears and penguins, two favorite animal species that live, literally, at opposite ends of the earth. Each student has written a short, expository piece sharing a few facts he or she learned about these amazing species.

In second grade, students read several biographies about Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and had in depth discussions about his character traits and dreams. They used the information they gleaned from their texts and discussions to write poems about Dr. King. In reading the second grade's work, it is evident that Dr. King and his message still resonates and inspires.

