

# February is literacy month at Gateway

**February 1st : World Read Aloud Day.** In the *Becoming a Nation of Readers* report (1985), experts reported that “the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children.” Read a story book aloud with your children on February 1st.



**“Where Are You Reading?”** Throughout the month of February take pictures of your children reading in fun and interesting ways. These pictures will be featured in the school library. **Each** picture submitted will result in an entry in a draw at the end of the month for a grand prize for your child and your child’s classroom. In addition, the three winning pictures will be printed and put up in the school library for years to come. Submit all photo entries to [lucille.snyder@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:lucille.snyder@rdpsd.ab.ca) by February 28th, 2018. **Please note: These pictures will be put up in the school library and be featured in our school newsletter and website. If sent in you are agreeing to the pictures being posted.**

**Caught Reading at School:** Students will be given extra “Gateway Like Tickets” for reading this month. A draw will be made each week for a prize.

**February 5th-8th: Featured Author’s Week.** Each grade grouping will have authors they are studying for this week. Take a trip down to the public library and sign out books by the authors to read as a family.

The authors are as follows:

K-3 Robert Munsch and Julia Donaldson  
4-6 Jeff Kinney and Gordan Korman  
6-8 James Patterson and Eric Walters  
9-12 Rick Riordan and Sarah Maas

**February 25th to March 1st is Freedom To Read Week.** Throughout the week the whole school will be participating in “Drop Everything and Read” for 15 minutes. Drop everything and read will be announced on the school intercom. Students will be asked to stop what they are doing and read.

## We look forward to these fun activities throughout the month of February. Happy Reading!!