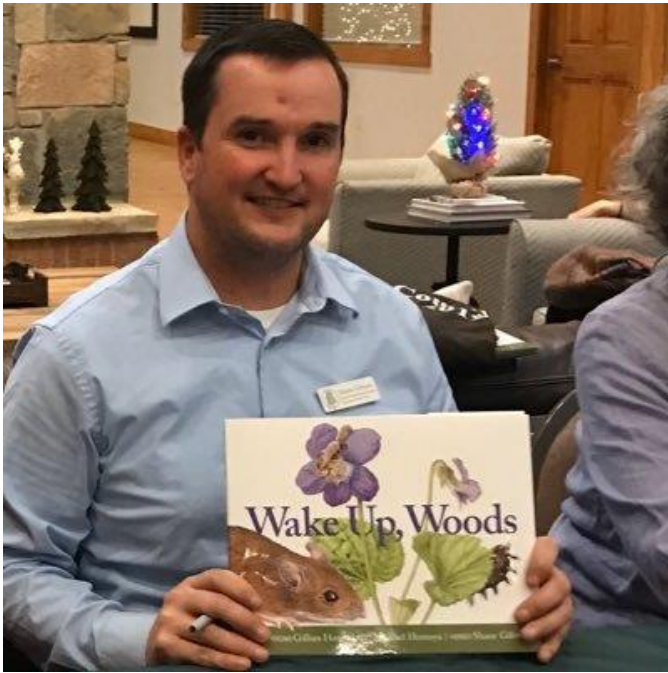


# The Arrow



Unionville Elementary Newsletter: January 2020 Edition



## Mr. Gibson: Our Favorite Author

Shane Gibson, Sycamore Land Trust Environmental Education Director, wrote a book (Wake Up Woods). It was released in the fall of 2019 and is being inducted into the Library of Congress as Indiana's "National Book Festival" title.

We were fortunate to host Mr. Gibson to hear about the process of writing the book. Our students were inspired to continue their own writing and to be inspired by the wonderful outdoor world.

Through a generous donation from our PTO, we were able to purchase a copy of the book for EACH and EVERY Unionville student. Mr. Gibson was kind enough to offer to sign each copy. As soon as the books are signed, we will send them home so they can be enjoyed by your family.

On a related note: Thanks to your donations, we were able to generate over \$400 to donate to Sycamore Land Trust (SLT). Once again, each of our classrooms will be SLT Member Classrooms. 😊

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## Upcoming Events

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## Club Friday

On Friday, 2/28, Unionville School will host another Club Friday. Some time at the end of the day will be devoted to exploring a passion or learning something new. Club Friday occurs each month and is a part of a larger mission to inspire and nourish a love for teaching and learning.

All students will have an opportunity to sign up for a club, organized by a Unionville teacher and/or staff member. Here is a list of all of the fun clubs we have offered as options this year:

**Pond Exploration**  
**Wiffle Ball**  
**Outdoor Stations**  
**Basketball**  
**Legos**  
**Crochet**  
**Coloring**  
**4 Square**  
**Tynker**  
**Butterfly Craft**  
**Directed Drawing**  
**Just Dance Party**  
**Dog Lovers Club**  
**Paper Making**  
**Fairy Houses**  
**Creepy Crawly Club**  
**Leaf Collecting and Rubbing**  
**Pumpkin Carving**  
**Building Blanket Forts**  
**Cards**  
**Karaoke**  
**Kahoot!**  
**Computer Coding**  
**Harry Potter Fan Club**  
**iPad Photography**  
**Movie Making**  
**Cubelets**  
**Robotics**  
**Hot Wheels Club**  
**Nature Crafts**  
**Giant Paper Snowflakes**  
**Tie Dye Paper**  
**Water Color Painting**

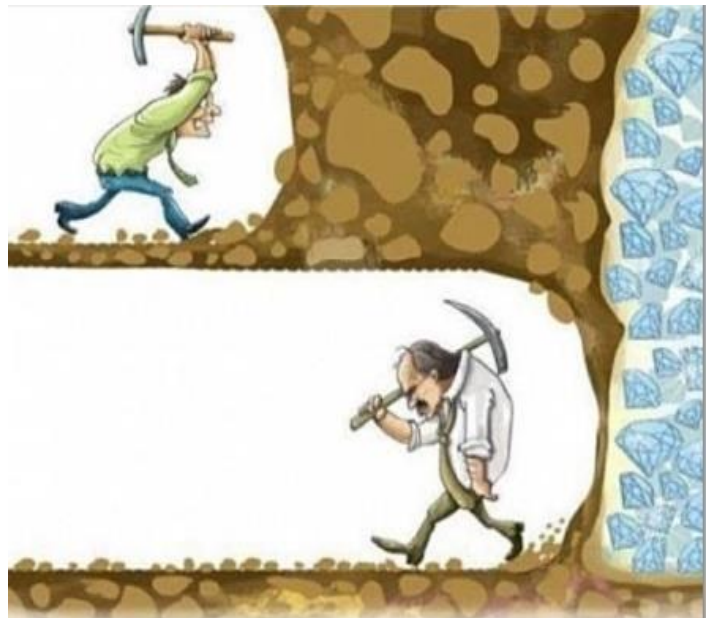
## We Go Outside in the Winter

Please know, we believe it is important to play outside on a daily basis. Sometimes the weather does not allow students to play outside. This is what you need to know about winter recess:

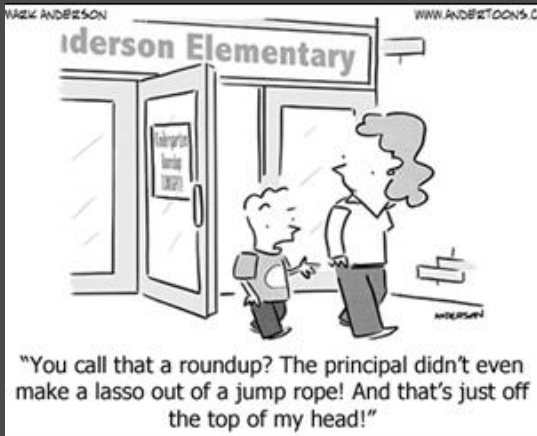
- We play outside in 20 degree weather.
- We play in the snow, as long as the temperature is not in the teens or lower. Students must have snow boots, hats, and gloves to be allowed to play in the snow. If you need help with those items, please let us know.
- We prefer students wear coats and long pants in the winter. Some students insist that they don't need a coat or that they are allowed to wear shorts to recess in the winter. We are outside for 20-40 minutes, daily. We worry about students who aren't dressed for winter. We do have some extra coats in the office, and we can loan a coat to students who need one. ***If you don't mind if your student wears shorts or no coat, please let us know.*** You can send a note to your child's teacher. Otherwise, for safety reasons, we will ask students to stay inside during recess or borrow a coat.

## Growth Mindset Reminder

*Never give up; you might be closer to reaching your goal than you thought. Stick to it. Persistence pays off.*







## Kindergarten Round Up

Please help us spread the word. We will be hosting a Kindergarten Round up on Tuesday, 2/11, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is for all incoming kindergarteners. Anyone in our attendance area, who turns 5 before August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, is eligible for kindergarten next year. Enrollment begins on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may register online by visiting the MCCSC homepage. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the office or to call Mrs. Snooks.

## Middle School High Ability Services

The MCCSC Office of High Ability Education has begun the middle school high ability identification/application process for the 2020-2021 school year for incoming seventh grade students. Notification letters were mailed on Friday, January 24, 2020 to current sixth grade students who automatically qualify for middle school high ability services (advanced ELA or ALPS) based on scores on the In View and NWEA assessments. Application materials for students who want to appeal for placement in middle school high ability programs are due to the Office of High Ability Education on or before Friday, February 7, 2020. Placement in advanced math classes is a separate process and will occur late second semester.

Information about high ability programs may also be found on the MCCSC website at [www.mccsc.edu](http://www.mccsc.edu).



## Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

**James**

reads 20 minutes per night,  
5 times per week



**Travis**

reads only 4 minutes per night  
...or not at all



**In one week:**

**100**  
minutes of reading



**20**  
minutes of reading

**In one month:**

**400**  
minutes of reading



**80**  
minutes of reading

**In one school year (9 months):**

**3600**  
minutes of reading



**720**  
minutes of reading

**By the end of eighth grade:**

**28,800**  
minutes of reading



**5760**  
minutes of reading

Which student would you expect to read better?  
Which student would you expect to know more?  
Which student would you expect to write better?  
Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?  
Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?  
How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?





*Are you looking for some part time work? We are looking for an instructional assistant to work from 8:45-3:30 each day. You can apply online through the MCCSC website. Please contact Ms. Albright if you have any questions about the position.*

## Upcoming Events

- February 1 – Robotics Club Competition
- February 11 – Young Hoosier Book Club
- February 11 – Kindergarten Open House
- February 12 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to IU MAC
- February 12 – MCCSC Resource Adoption Meeting
- February 13 – Lego Club
- February 13 – PTO Meeting
- February 17 – No School
- February 21 – Cookies and Canvas Night
- February 28 – Family Dance Night? (TBD)

## Staying Connected

Stay up to date on everything going on at Unionville by following us on Instagram and Twitter. You can also follow our PTO on Facebook.



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