Promoting student interest in the whole language reading program for grades 4-6 in Somers Point, NJ, including an annotated bibliography

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Abstract
A reading interest survey was conducted in an attempt to evaluate the whole language reading program in the intermediate grades 4-6. The survey was distributed to seventeen 4-6 grade classes, and students were asked to record their favorite books of the past year. Novels that are a part of our whole language reading program overwhelmingly ranked as student favorites. The survey resulted in the conclusion that literature in our reading program interested students the most.

Based on this information, an annotated bibliography was created for each novel read as part of our whole language program in Somers Point. Thematically-related complementary literature of read-alouds, picture books, nonfiction, and supplementary novels of an easy as well as a challenging level were included in each list. This created a useful reference resource for classroom, gifted, and basic skills teachers as well as librarians in recommending books to students who find a particular interest in the classroom reading novels.

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range of essential skills in these four interrelated areas, built on a solid foundation of knowledge of the conventions of standard English and incorporating the use of analytical, critical, and metacognitive thinking skills. Students learn best when they are encouraged to consciously monitor their thinking as they learn, and each strand includes expectations that call for such reflection. A fourth grade reading program will cover all English language arts strands. These include vocabulary development, reading comprehension, literature, writing strategies, writing applications, English language conventions, listening, and speaking. Fourth grade students are eager to learn. At this stage your child will be ready to accomplish visible progress in reading, writing, and language arts. Fourth grade reading activities provide an opportunity for children to apply the knowledge of word origins, derivations, synonyms, antonyms, and idioms to determine the meaning of words and phrases. If you're interested in the fourth grade reading program, you might also be interested in other fourth grade subjects: Fourth Grade Curriculum Overview.