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Luann's Thoughts

Do you remember your first year of teaching? My first teaching job was at Alvin Junior High. I started there at the beginning of the second semester. Oh my goodness, it was challenging and I had no one to give me guidance. After a couple of years, I felt like I really knew what I was doing in the classroom. I decided then that I would do whatever I could to make a new teacher's first year a little less stressful. As the years passed, I had the opportunity to serve as a mentor to several teachers in my department. Then the district created a new program for mentors, the Master Mentor Program. It required you to complete an application and to be interviewed by an administrator in the Alternative Certification Program. With that said, I was accepted into the Master Mentor Program. It was a lot of training and a lot of work, but it was worth every minute. There are a few of us in Epsilon Rho that were Master Mentors. In the last newsletter, Laura wrote an article about teachers with the teaching blues. By this time of year many new teachers are experiencing disillusionment, wondering if they are going to make it to the end of the school year. This month our program is floral arranging. We are going to make a small arrangement to be given to a new teacher. I hope that you will attend and join in on the fun and take your flowers to a new teacher the next day. Let her know you are there for her.



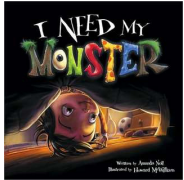
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Beth Moore
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PICTURE BOOK MONTH

Did you know that November is Picture Book Month? This is an international literacy initiative to recognize picture books in print. In honor of this celebration, Epsilon Rho members share their favorite picture book and why they love the book so much.

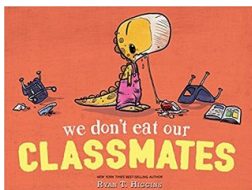
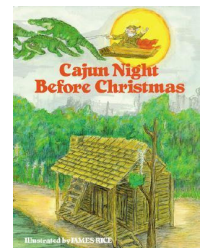


Mary Jaime - *I Need My Monster* by Amanda Noll

I like *I Need My Monster* because it demonstrates how children should be brave and how not be afraid of things that go bump in the night.

Barbara Norris - *Cajun Night Before Christmas* by Howard Jacobs

I love this book because I come from a huge Creole/Cajun family. As I read the book and use the Cajun dialect, it's as if I can hear my own grandpa speaking. I also like that the mom character is cooking a pot of gumbo on Christmas Eve. It is a tradition in my family to meet at my Uncle Fuzzy's house to open gifts, eat gumbo, go to midnight mass, and have beignets before we turn in for the night. It just does not feel like Christmas if we don't do those things. This book just reminds me of where I come from. It reads like love!

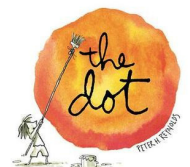


Allison Sutton - *We Don't Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins

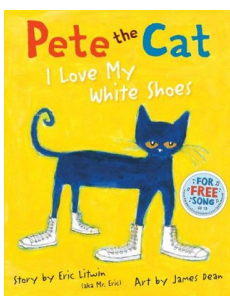
This is my new favorite right now. It is a fun read aloud that is silly, cute and has a great ending.

Sara Simmons - *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds

I love *The Dot* because it inspires us to boldly try new things. All you have to do is "make your mark and see where it takes you."



Gladys Trevino - *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* by Eric Litwin



This is not my favorite book, but my son has been reading it to me daily on our drive to school and the moral is great motivation for the day. Definitely worth sharing. "No matter what you step in, keep walking along and singing your song."

Do you have a favorite picture book? Take some time in November to read a few and even share with others. For more information on Picture Book Month, visit this website: <http://picturebookmonth.com/>



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