Mayor's Book Club Newsletter

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The Mayor's Book Club is pleased to present our Book-of-the-Month for December

Ellie Makes A Friend

By

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It's Fun and Easy!

Ellie Makes a Friend by Mike Wu features an adorable elephant who meets a new friend at her zoo. She gains new perspective and a new companion.

Tip #1 – The story features onomatopoeia or the word that resembles the sound it describes. These words could include "chirp," "buzz," or "growl." It is wonderful to practice reading these words out loud to see and hear the words come to life.

Tip #2 – The illustrations in *Ellie Makes a Friend* are lively and stunning. When your child or you are reading, it is wonderful to take a look at the images. They help tell the story and encourage reading comprehension, as your child can share how the text and images align.

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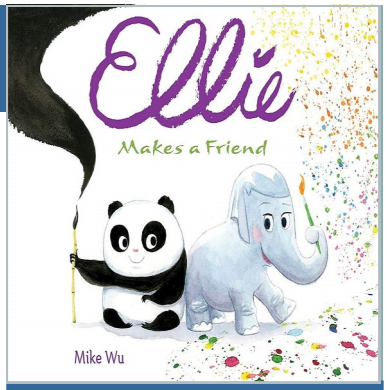

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Did You Know?

Winter is quickly approaching! This is the perfect time of year to spend time reading a great book with family members and friends.

Friendship is a wonderful topic to read about during the colder months. This is also a great topic to discuss with your children. This month's book brings such warmth to the holiday season.

Images from Amazon.com and pinterest.com

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Winter Whimsy at the Hampton Carousel

Make new holiday memories while enjoying festively adorned horses. The historic Hampton Carousel will be decked out for the season while playing special carousel Christmas music. Enjoy a free candy cane. Closed Mondays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Take a ride on the carousel before it closes for winter!

Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., closed Mondays.
Carousel Park & Hampton Carousel
602 Settlers Landing Rd.
Hampton, VA 23669
Cost $1 per ride

Downtown Hampton Lighted Boat Parade

Cruise into the holiday spirit at the annual Downtown Hampton Lighted Boat Parade. The parade of illuminated power and sailboats will be visible from anywhere along the Hampton River. Santa will arrive by boat at the Maritime Center at 2:00 p.m. Enjoy live music by Hard Times beginning at 4:00 p.m. Stationery judging of boats will begin at 4:45 p.m. and the Lighted Boat Parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the awards ceremony to follow. The event is free; however, hot chocolate, holiday snacks, and adult holiday beverages will be available for purchase inside The Landing Hotel.

BOOK PICKS

Making A Friend

by Tammi Sauer

How to Spot a Best Friend

by Bea Birdsong and Lucy Fleming

Scribble Stones

by Diane Alber

Henri's Hats

By Mike Wu

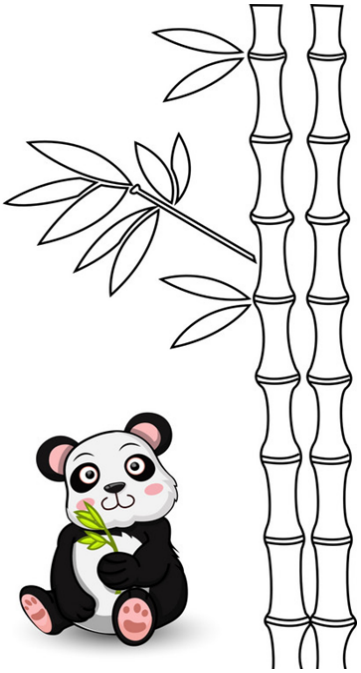
Bringing the Story to Life!

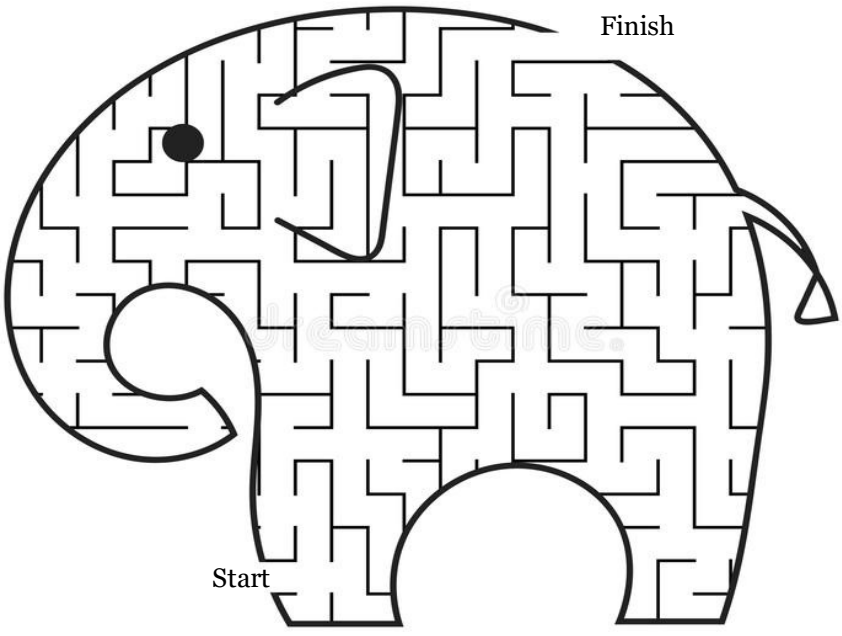
Happy To Be Me

Spend time with your child exploring what they look like using handheld mirrors. Use this time to talk about how we are all unique and special, point out what you think makes them special. Remember to not only talk about their physical traits but their character traits as well.

This Is Me

Using crayons and paper encourage your child to draw a picture of themselves, you can participate by drawing a picture of yourself. This is a great activity to do following the "Happy To Be Me" activity.





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