



# CEDARVILLE CONNECTION

December 11, 2013

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*Our mission at Cedarville Elementary School is:  
To build a solid academic foundation and develop fundamental skills  
that will lead our students into a lifetime of success.*

## **From the desk of the Principal...**

Thanks to all who made our Winter Music Programs events to remember!



## **Family Fun Hoopsters Night T-Shirt Design...**

STUDENTS: Don't forget to submit your T-Shirt design for the *HOOPSTERS* basketball game coming to Cedarville February 6<sup>th</sup>! **The deadline for submitting your design is Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.**



## **In the spirit of giving...**

Share the joy of the Christmas holidays with families in need by bringing non-perishable food items to place under the Christmas tree in the school's front entrance.

You may also donate a NEW children's book to **Kate's Kart**. **Monetary donations are also accepted by check only** written out to **Kate's Kart**. You can go to the Kate's Kart website ([www.kateskart.org](http://www.kateskart.org)) to see what books are on their "Wish List".



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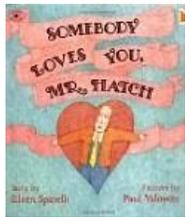


“Tell me what you read and I’ll tell you who you are” is true enough, but I’d know you better if you told me what you reread.”

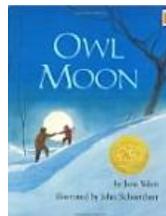
– Francois Muriac

## Favorites of Mrs. Jenkins, Second Grade:

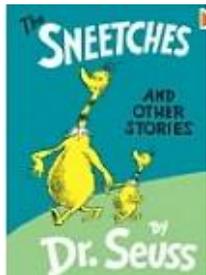
One of my all-time favorite books is written by Eileen Spinelli and is entitled **Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch.** It is a fictional story about a lonely man who discovers he has a “secret admirer” when the postal worker delivers a Valentine’s Day heart-shaped box filled with candy and a card reading, “Somebody Loves You!” Mr. Hatch’s life begins to change and his personality begins to flourish when he realizes people care about him and he begins to use his gifts to make other people happy, as well. This is a wonderful, heart-warming story with a positive message and quite a surprising ending. It is a “must read” if ever there was one!



Another fantastic book is entitled **Owl Moon.** and is written by Jane Yolen. In this story, a little child describes the experience of “owling” alongside a father who obviously loves nature as well. The author’s use of imagery and word choice are outstanding, allowing the readers to gain a great perspective of what it must be like to be out in the woods on a cold, crisp winter night waiting patiently, silently for the sound of an owl’s wings or its majestic hoot. It makes me want to venture out on a cold January night and go “owling,” too! Love it!



Another book near and dear to my heart is entitled **Pale Green Pants With Nobody Inside Them.** This is written by Dr. Seuss and is one of many that my mother read to me growing up. All of my siblings enjoyed listening to Mom read, but this particular book, I would have to say, grabbed my attention the most! It can be found in a collection of stories called, **Sneetches and other Stories.** It is about a pair of pale green pants that wandered around alone and became a feared adversary by another loner.

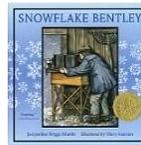


As the story comes to an end, we realize that everyone needs to be treated with respect and friendship and that everyone is *afraid* sometimes. The lesson of compassion is beautifully entwined within this spooky, fun tale.

As I grew older and became interested in children’s literature with a “teacher’s eye”, I caught a story entitled **Mailing May.** In this story, a little girl is actually mailed to her grandparents’ house because there is no other way for her to get there at that particular time. It is based on a true story I believe, and is such a unique example of human ingenuity.



**Snowflake Bentley,** by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, is a great non-fiction story about a farmer/photographer who wanted to take on the challenge of photographing snowflakes and perhaps proving that every snowflake is indeed different. The story is quite intriguing and highlights the thirst for knowledge and “die-hard” determination that makes a true leader.



## Food for Thought...

“If you do a good job for others, you heal yourself at the same time, because a dose of joy is a spiritual cure. It transcends all barriers.”

~ Ed Sullivan



## Mark Your Calendar...

- Dec. 18: Canned Food Drive ends; Collaboration Day
- Dec. 18: CEEL Marco's Pizza Night 6 - 8 p.m.
- Dec. 19: **Class Holiday Parties**
- Dec. 20: Campbell’s Soup Labels for Education collection day; Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and SPIRIT DAY
- Dec. 21- Jan. 5: Holiday Break – **NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 6: **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Jan 10: PTO meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Leo Elementary Cafeteria



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