

# Read Across Foothills Month

## Foothills Elementary School

### Lakewood, CO



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In the spirit of celebrating Read Across America Day, Foothills Elementary School designated March 2021 as Read Across Foothills Month (RAFM), an initiative that included many fun ways to engage families to read at home throughout the month.

Foothills' Family Engagement Committee, staff and families committed to participating in Read Across Foothills Month during the Monday Zoom Kickoff Meeting on Monday, March 1st. The team shared a month-long calendar of fun and interactive activities for families to deepen their love of reading. Daily reading activities included an All-School Poetry Contest, a Young Readers Book Club, Drop Everything and Read Day, Hats Off to Reading Day, Reaching Out and Read. Families both in-person and remote participated in the Drop Everything and Read Day activities where everyone dropped everything and read at the designated time for 20 minutes. Many other families participated in Call a Story (story hotline to hear an updated story every single day read by a community member), Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Reading Recipes at Home, and Swap a Book with a Friend.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Read Across Foothills Kickoff Meeting	Book Share Day	Book Share Day	Book Share Day	Book Share Day
Young Readers Book Club	Libraries Open House	Read a Book with a Friend	Read a Book with a Friend	Read a Book with a Friend
Drop Everything and Read	Drop Everything and Read	Drop Everything and Read	Drop Everything and Read	Drop Everything and Read
Call a Story	Call a Story	Call a Story	Call a Story	Call a Story
Reading Recipes at Home	Reading Recipes at Home	Reading Recipes at Home	Reading Recipes at Home	Reading Recipes at Home
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
Swap a Book with a Friend	Swap a Book with a Friend	Swap a Book with a Friend	Swap a Book with a Friend	Swap a Book with a Friend



The team also hosted a Virtual Literacy Night called Forts PJs and Reading where families built their own reading forts at home and joined the many guest readers on Zoom. The team hosted many wonderful guests including Anne Trujillo from Denver 7 News, Miles the Denver Bronco Mascot, a Children's Author who read one of his cherished books, a former Denver Nuggets player who read one of his favorite childhood books, and Jeffco School Board President Susan Harmon who read alongside her daughter. During Literacy Night, poetry contest winners were honored with prizes, including Barnes & Noble Gift Cards, provided by Foothills' PTA.

Over 250 books were distributed throughout the month to enhance students home libraries. Families were also provided with quick links where they could gain access to different reading programs and reading websites, including the Jefferson County Public Library website. Students who opened a library account and made a video with their new Library Card also won fun reading prizes.

Activities on the calendar were designed with inclusivity in mind so that every family had the opportunity and resources to participate. The Read Across Foothills calendar was an equitable and easy way to gain access to fun reading opportunities.

