

Sisters students turn themselves into detectives

By Erin Borla
Correspondent

Julie Holden, fourth-grade teacher at Sisters Elementary School (SES) has been working with her class for the last several weeks to create the Outlaw Detective Agency. The first book the students read this year was a mystery and it gave Holden the idea for a "Storyline" project.

"Mysteries can be super engaging," said Holden. "This is a genre I wanted to introduce to the students and have them tackle it in both their reading and writing."

Over the summer teachers from both Sisters Elementary School and Sisters Middle School took advantage of a "Storyline" workshop provided to them by the Sisters Folk Festival Studio to School Program.

Through this process students learn a variety of curriculum based on the telling of a story. Students can learn social studies, history, math, technology and language concepts through real-life examples.

The five-day workshop held in July, focused on training teachers to integrate the Storyline curriculum into

their classrooms. That's happening with work like Holden's project.

Students in her class have used their creative thinking to come up with their own agency including developing the layout of their office and creating the personas of each of their own detectives. They even made their own face out of construction paper and other materials to match the detective persona that they have developed.

"I am looking forward to finishing the faces and seeing how they turn out," said Zach, a member of the class. "Mine is 27 years old and has donut hair (AKA a bald spot)."

Holden's theme was helped because three students in her class have family members in law enforcement. On a Wednesday afternoon, Deputy Brent Crosswhite, the School District's School Resource Officer from Deschutes County Sheriff's Department, along with Lt. Chad Davis (DSCO), Det. Eric Beckwith from the Redmond Police Department, and Terry Simons, a retired police officer from Southern California, came to Holden's class and talked about their roles in law enforcement.



PHOTO BY ERIN BORLA

Sisters students had their Storyline come alive with a visit from local law enforcement.

For 45 minutes, each guest described their jobs and helped give ideas to the students about what detective's might need in their crime scene kits and how to look for the who, what, when, where, why and how of every crime.

Detective Beckwith brought in SWAT gear for Holden to try on for her class.

"This project has helped us to learn to work together," said class member Alexis. "How to help each other and be more of a team."

Students will continue with this Storyline by writing their own mysteries,

building their own crime scene kits and using their science and reasoning skills to help solve crimes from the mysteries they create. Holden hopes to integrate some public speaking skills as well, having the students work on 'advertising' their agency to draw more people into their business.

Many students are looking forward to the completed projects and delving into mysteries that their made-up detectives can solve.


"This is great because student's learn how to solve problems using logic and

narrowing down the suspect pool," said Holden.


Other classes at SES are also participating in the Storyline model. Each teacher chose the theme for the class. Students are working on their own pet shop, creating the perfect school, developing a restaurant and others.

Students are enjoying being creative and exploring new ideas along a similar concept. Many have rave reviews about the storyline concept.

"This has been really fun," said Cathryn Scholl. "Every class in the world should do it."




FORD
TRUCK MONTH
BEST-SELLING TRUCKS 39 YEARS STRAIGHT



ROBBERSON
LINCOLN *Ford* MAZDA

robberson.com
NEW SALES 382.4521
PRE-OWNED: 312.3986




NEW 2016 FORD F-150

0% 72 MOS
Ford Credit Financing


on new F-150 and SuperDuty

OR
UP TO **\$10,273**
in Total Value +\$500
on 2.7L Ford F-150 V6 EcoBoost
with Luxury Chrome or Sport Pkg.



NEW 2016 Ford SuperDuty

Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. 0% APR financing for 72 months at \$13.89 per month per \$1,000 financed regardless of down payment (PGM #20740). Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 10/3/16. See dealer for qualifications and complete details. Total value includes \$2,250 Customer Cash (PGM #12942) + \$2,500 Bonus Cash (PGM #12944, #12948) + \$300 2.7L V6 EcoBoost Bonus Cash (PGM #12920) + \$2,000 302A XLT Luxury Chrome or Sport National Discount Pkg. (PGM #97448) + \$3,223 Average Dealer Discount + \$500 Ford Credit Bonus Cash (PGM #12946) which requires Ford Credit financing. Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. Average dealer discount based on a sales survey of average discounts offered by Ford dealers regionally. Discount may vary; dealer determines price. For all offers, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 10/3/16. See dealer for qualifications and complete details.




NEW 2016 Ford Edge


0% 72 MOS
Ford Credit Financing

on new Ford Edge, Ford Explorer

OR
UP TO **\$3,500** cash back
on 2016 2.3L EcoBoost
Ford Explorer



NEW 2016 Ford Explorer



ROBBERSON
LINCOLN *Ford* MAZDA

2100 NE 3rd. St. Bend Oregon
541.382.4521

\$1,500 Customer Cash (PGM #12942) + \$1,500 Bonus Cash + \$500 2.3L EcoBoost Bonus Cash (PGM #12920). For all offers, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 10/3/16. See dealer for qualifications and complete details. Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. 0% APR financing for 72 months at \$13.89 per month per \$1,000 financed regardless of down payment (PGM #20740). Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 10/31/16. See dealer for qualifications and complete detail