2017
Mock Caldecott Awards

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Goals:

1. to gain an awareness of the Caldecott medal and qualities of a good picture book
2. to practice reading for deep meaning and the subtleties of literature
3. to clearly express opinions and ideas with peers
4. to listen to and evaluate the ideas of others
5. to integrate cross curricular skills such as math
6. to build excitement about authors and new literature.

We are using 20 children’s books published in 2016 as chosen by children’s book bloggers

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Procedures:

1. Teach the history of the Caldecott Awards beginning November 1.
2. Decide the method your class will use to select winning books (pg. 9)
3. Teach the Caldecott criteria for evaluating books (pg. 10)
4. Read each book
5. Have students evaluate or take notes on each book
6. Choose your class winner and honor books
7. Submit your winner and honor books to Mr. Sammons via email by January 18.
8. One set of 20 books will be in the display case with class award ribbons.
9. Mr. Sammons will reveal the Grundy Center Elementary Mock Caldecott winner and honor books on January 20.
10. The remaining 60 books will be divided equally among classrooms.
11. On January 23, we will watch the award announcements at 8:30am (Mr. Sammons will record them as they run 7-8am CST).
12. The display case books will go to the IMC.
The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of English illustrator Randolph Caldecott who lived in the 1800’s. He wrote called “John Gilpin’s Ride.” The Caldecott medal shows a scene from this book.

The award is given out every year by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.
In 1937, Rene’ Paul Chambellan designed the Caldecott Medal. It is a bronze medal with the winner’s name and the date engraved on the back.

Books that came close to winning were called “runners-up”. In 1971, that term was changed to “honor books”.

These medals look the same as the award except they are silver instead of bronze.

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Who Chooses the Caldecott Award?

15 Librarians are chosen to be on the Caldecott committee. They read hundreds and hundreds of books so they can decided which one is the best!

They also make a group phone call to let the illustrators know they have won a Caldecott medal!
Criteria 1 for our evaluation: The illustration technique is well done.

The technique could be painting, pencil drawings, collage, ink printing, chalk, or any other technique.

Criteria 2 for our evaluation: The illustrations are a good match for the mood and themes of the story.

This means that the illustrations might look dark and scary for a mystery book or bright and colorful for a book about good friends.
Criteria 3 for our evaluation: The illustrations are critical to the understanding of the story.

This means there are details of the story you might not understand if only the words were read.

Criteria 4 for our evaluation: Children will want to pick up the book and read it.

The book must be for children and something children will enjoy.
Some Ideas for Selecting the Winner

1. Use the four question Mock Caldecott evaluation form
   a. This would allow students to vote immediately after reading
   b. You could count the total scores to determine winners
   c. You could teach mean, median, mode to determine winners

2. Use the Note Taking Form
   a. This would allow students to read all books before selecting
   b. You could determine the winner by voting
   c. You could have students nominate books and defend choices
      resulting in a vote or discuss until all are in agreement

Some Ideas for Selecting Honor Books

1. Next Highest Vote Getters
   a. Choose how many honors will be awarded
   b. Use the ranking of next highest vote getters

2. Re-Vote
   a. Choose how many honors will be awarded
   b. Have students re-vote

3. Use the Note Taking Form procedures
Students selecting winning books should consider...

1. Excellence of execution in the artistic technique employed;

2. Excellence of pictorial interpretation of story, theme, or concept;

3. Appropriateness of style of illustration to the story, theme or concept;

4. Delineation of plot, theme, characters, setting, mood or information through the pictures;

5. Excellence of presentation in recognition of a child audience.

Note: Students should keep in mind that the award is for distinguished illustrations in a picture book and for excellence of pictorial presentation for children. The award is not for didactic intent (teaches a lesson) or for popularity.
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Taken from Randolph Caldecott Committee Manual, 2009
How to win a Caldecott Award?

* The best illustrations in a picture book for the whole year

1. The illustration technique is well done. → pencil → chalk → print/stamp → collage

2. The illustrations help the mood and theme of the story.
   → Mood - feelings: scary, sweet, sad
   → Theme - Bravery, Adventure, Friendship, Love, Family

3. The illustrations are important for understanding the WHOLE story.
   * details

4. Children want to pick up this book and read it.
Mock Caldecott Awards

Please remember, the Caldecott Award is given for distinguished illustrations in a picture book, not for its popularity or ability to teach a lesson.

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Mock Caldecott Note-Taking

AUTHOR: 
ILLUSTRATOR:
TITLE: 
GENRE:

SUMMARY:

CHARACTERS:

PROS:

CONS/CONCERNS:

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Adapted from Randolph Caldecott Committee Manual, 2009
A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day

by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Illustrated by Lou Fancher and Steve Johnson

We Found a Hat

by Jon Klassen
Are We There Yet?

by Dan Santat

Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood

by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell
Illustrated by Rafael López
Twenty Yawns
by Jane Smiley
Illustrated by Lauren Castillo

The Night Gardener
by Eric Fan and Terry Fan
School’s First Day of School
by Adam Rex
Illustrated by Christian Robinson

The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles
by Michelle Cuevas
Illustrated by Erin E. Stead
This is Not a Picture Book!

Freedom in Congo Square

by Carole Boston Weatherford
Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
It Is Not Time for Sleeping

by Lisa Graff
Illustrated by Lauren Castillo

Radiant Child

by Javaka Steptoe
Ideas Are All Around
by Philip C. Stead

Be a Friend
by Salina Yoon
Samson in the Snow
by Philip C. Stead

They All Saw a Cat
by Brendan Wenzel
The Airport Book
by Lisa Brown

Henry & Leo
by Pamela Zagarenski
Use these medals to label your classroom AWARD and HONOR books. You may want to print the AWARD medal on gold paper and the HONOR medals on gray paper. Then, cut them out.
1st Grade Mock Caldecott Honor

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Additional Resources

Book Trailers (be careful of influencing votes)

- We Found a Hat
- Horrible Bear
- Maybe Something Beautiful
- Are We There Yet?
- Twenty Yawns
- Be a Friend
- They All Saw a Cat

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Large Caldecott Medals

Made using gold foil wrapping paper over a cardboard pizza board. I projected the picture of the Caldecott medal onto the foil wrapped cardboard and traced parts with a dull pencil.

image from Brian Sammons
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The Caldecott winning book announcement is DAYS AWAY!
See you there!
We did not have access to a color printer, so we photocopied in black and white and then used colored pencils on just parts of the pictures with construction paper background.

Caldecott winners are announced live during the ALA Youth Media Awards on January 23, 2017 @ 7:00am CST.

http://www.ala.org/yma
In the past, we have Quicktime screen recorded the announcement due to not being in school during the announcement.
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1. Cut out the 20 Mock Caldecott book covers and four other pictures along the squares. There is one blank space you will not use.

1. Glue the 24 pictures in ANY order on the blank page.

2. Now you are ready to play BINGO!
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