

Process Statement: Responding to Literature Circle Books

During Literature Circles, students in 2-Purple select books that they are interested in reading and read them with a small group of classmates. During our current interdisciplinary unit on space, these literature circle books all share the common theme of "adventures".

After finishing one round of these adventure stories, students responded to what they read by thinking about the adventures in the stories, and comparing them to other adventure books that they had read. Many students compared their stories to our class read aloud Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo. Other students compared their books to past literature circle books or independent reading books.

This activity gave them independent practice using the comprehension strategies from reciprocal teaching that we use in independent reading. It also gave them independent practice at putting their thoughts about what they read into writing. They respond to these books daily through literature circle discussions, and responding in literature is a new challenge.