

# IMC MISCELLANEA

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## Genre? What?

Exposing students to different genre's in literature encourages a wider range of reading. There are many different genre's to explore.

Historical Fiction is set in a historical time period, uses invented characters in a real event or real people in an invented event that might have happened to them.

Examples of historical fiction include Sweet Clara the the Freedom quilt by Deborah Hopkinson, Gib and the gray ghost by Zilpha Keatley Snyder and The bobbin girl by Emily Arnold McCully.

Realistic Fiction takes place in the present and could really happen. Examples of Realistic Fiction include Alexander and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day by Judith Viorst, Rescue Josh McGuire by Ben Mikaelson, , and Fish face by Patricia Reilly Giff.

Fantasy has elements that are not realistic such as talking animals, magical powers and mythical beings. Example: A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon or Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judy Barrett.



Science Fiction has a science or technology theme, is based on true or imagined scientific laws or theories. Sci Fi is set in space, the future or an alternate universe, dimension or world. Examples: Company's Coming by Arthur Yorinks; Commander Toad in Space by Jane Yolen.

Mysteries have suspense, a puzzle or crime to solve and a sleuth. Example: Mystery on the Docks by Thatcher Hurd; Nate the Great and the Lost List by Marjorie Sharmat



## Programs and fun

### Website fun:

Crayola Site [www.crayola.com](http://www.crayola.com)

Color Matters [www.colormatters.com/kids/wear.html](http://www.colormatters.com/kids/wear.html)

Enchanted Learning Colors [www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/colors.shtml](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/colors.shtml)

Color in Art [www.alifetimeofcolor.com/play/color2/a1.htm](http://www.alifetimeofcolor.com/play/color2/a1.htm)

The first Thanksgiving [www.scholastic.com/scholastic\\_thanksgiving/](http://www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/)

Thanksgiving activities for kids [holidays.kaboose.com/thanksgiving/](http://holidays.kaboose.com/thanksgiving/)

## STARreading

With STAR Reading, you can:

- Assess students' reading levels in less than 10 minutes.
- Receive accurate, reliable, norm-referenced reading scores including grade equivalents, percentile ranks, and normal curve equivalents.
- Determine the appropriate level of challenge for each student to personalize practice and individualize instruction.
- Predict results on high-stakes, standardized tests, including ITBS, CAT, SAT, and TerraNova.
- Save money by administering assessments throughout the school year at no extra cost.
- Track growth in student reading achievement longitudinally, facilitating the kind of growth analysis recommended by state and federal organizations.

## The turkey shot out of the oven

By Jack Prelutsky

To the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean."

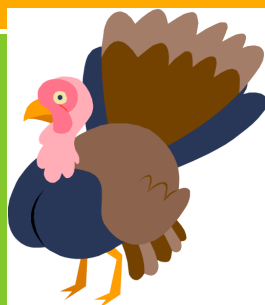
The turkey shot out of the oven  
and rocketed into the air,  
it knocked every plate off the table  
and partly demolished a chair.

It ricocheted into a corner  
and burst with a deafening boom,  
then splattered all over the kitchen,  
completely obscuring the room.

It stuck to the walls and the windows,  
it totally coated the floor,  
there was turkey attached to the ceiling,  
where there'd never been turkey before.

It blanketed every appliance,  
It smeared every saucer and bowl,  
there wasn't a way I could stop it,  
that turkey was out of control.

I scraped and I scrubbed with displeasure,  
and thought with chagrin as I mopped,  
that I'd never again stuff a turkey  
with popcorn that hadn't been popped.



November Calendar:  
Aviation history month  
Family Stories Month  
International Drum Month  
Peanut Butter Lovers' Month  
Nov. 3 is sandwich Day

Nov. 15 is America Recycles Day  
Nov. 18 Abraham Lincoln gave the Gettysburg  
Address in 1863.

Happy Thanksgiving!