



Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award



The Blue Spruce Award™ is a provincial primary reading program which brings recently published Canadian children's picture books to Ontario children ages 4 to 8 in kindergarten through to grade three. For many children, this is their first introduction to the world of books; it is a very exciting time for everyone.

The students will peruse 10 nominated Canadian picture books and then vote for their favorite book. Based on student voting across the province, the best picture book is then selected and the author/illustrator is honored with the Blue Spruce Award™. At St. Bernard School we will have the wonderful opportunity of sharing the 10 nominated books in the library and classroom. Students will discuss various important aspects relating to the elements of a fiction book. The strategies used in the library will tie in with many of the reading and comprehension strategies taught within the classroom.

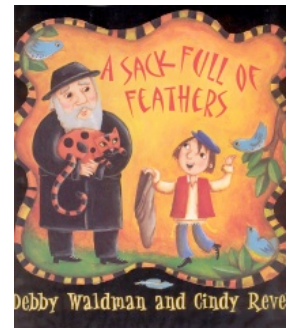


Many public libraries are also involved in the Forest of Reading Program, so please make sure to visit your local library to see how they are promoting this wonderful event.

The goals of the Blue Spruce Award™ program are:

- to promote reading for enjoyment and information among primary students
- to make students aware of quality Canadian picture books including Canadian authors and illustrators
- to develop the student's skill in evaluating a picture book based on story, text and pictures
- to provide opportunities for students to discuss the picture books in an authentic manner

Here are the nominees for this year. The Winner for The Blue Spruce Award last year went to "Scaredy Squirrel" Check out the website below for more information on the Forest of Reading and the Blue Spruce Program.



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