

# The Missing Piece Mystery Book Club



**“Everyone loves a mystery!”**

**A reader must learn to be a “Book Detective”.**

“Books are like puzzles!” The author’s ideas are hidden and it is up to the reader to figure them out! We believe there is only one-genre that all fiction books fall into: Mystery.

## **How The Missing Piece Mystery Book Club Works:**

**Who:** Students in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited

**When:** every Monday 12:40 – 1:05

**Where:** In the LMC

**Bring:** your lunch and a copy of the book you are currently reading

Whenever you read a book you want to know what the book is really about, not what it's about on the surface, not the story, but what's underneath the story ... look for what the author is trying to say UNDERNEATH the story. Readers will focus on different aspects of the book, and everyone will gain new insights as a result. Questions will be used to guide the discussion and keep it on track. Please remember there are no right answers to the questions! Don't be afraid to criticize a book but try to get beyond the 'I just didn't like it' statement.

1. *Setting: What kind of place is it?*
2. *What do you think about the characters?*
3. *How would you describe them in one word?*
4. *What makes the main character different?*
5. *What does the main character want?*
6. *Why is it important to have dreams?*
7. *What are the various elements of the story ... plot, character, and conflict?*
8. *What genre is this book? (Fantasy, historical fiction, horror, gross book, mystery, sports, romance, biography, spy-fiction etc.)*
9. *Who is the protagonist in the story?*
10. *Who is the antagonist in the story?*
11. *Did the author play fair?*
12. *Did the author throw in characters or plot twists that didn't fit the facts?*
13. *Did the characters act honestly?*
14. *Were the characters too one-sided?*
15. *Did the ending seem faked somehow?*
16. *Did the author seem to understand what he/she was actually saying, or did the message seem to be different from what the author intended?*
17. *We will read excerpts from the book.*