



Accessing and Using the Bluestem Wiki

Web address: bluestem-award.wikispaces.com/2013+resources

- On this site, you will discover the current Bluestem PowerPoint in both PPTX and PDF formats.
- Also, the Master Lists and Resources from the current and past years appear in a column on the left.

Under “2013 Resources” you will discover:

- The list of the current nominees. Click on the various titles and you will find--
- Book trailers (e.g., The Day-Glo Brothers)
- Videos pertaining to the nominated books (e.g., Peter H. Reynolds interview, Guyku)
- Links to the author’s official site. (e.g., Dan Gutman, Honus and Me)
- Links to teacher’s guides when available. (e.g., Story of Snow)
- Links to external sites offering activities and information. (e.g., Save the Redwoods site, Redwoods; MadLib for The Familiars)
- Links to related reads. (e.g., Touch Blue)

If you wish to share a site about one of the nominees that you consider useful for the Wiki, please email us, Brian Wilson at bwilson@cityofevanston.org and/or Katie Lawrence at katola13@gmail.com. Thank you!!!



Creating a Bluestem MadLib

First, find a key scene in a book (this edited excerpt from *The Familiars* is shorter than usual, but just to give you a taste):

It all started with Aldwyn's whiskers beginning to tingle—the way they always did when he got hungry...The back alleys weren't littered with their usual fish guts or chicken gizzards, and a stray cat had to fight a little harder to get even one full meal a day.—*The Familiars*, page 1

Remove some key words, ask class for silly words:

It all started with _____ (silly name) _____ (body part plural) beginning to _____ (verb)—the way they always did when he got hungry...The back alleys weren't littered with their usual _____ (animal) _____ (body part plural) or _____ (food), and a _____ (adjective) _____ (plural animal) had to fight a little harder to get even _____ (number) full meals a day.

After collecting words, read the REAL version first, and then the silly version.

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