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## A Love of Reading

Reading has been a huge part of my life since before I can even remember. Some of my fondest childhood memories are listening to my parents read to me each night.

When I started teaching, I knew that I wanted to instill that same love of reading in all of my students. The Book Love Foundation is helping me make that happen!

## MY FAVORITE PART OF MY CLASSROOM

No matter what classroom I move into, the first area that I always set up is my library. One of my favorite classroom libraries of all time was my “hidden library” that I organized in a large cabinet. The students loved opening the doors and finding the perfect book to take them on a new adventure!



Immersing students in literature is one of my most important tasks as a teacher. From my very first year as a teacher I knew that I wanted to get kids to LOVE books. Every year I had parents coming in to meet the teacher saying, “My child just doesn’t really like to read,” or “My child loves Dog Man and graphic novels and that’s it,” or my least favorite, “Reading just isn’t his thing.” How could I get these kids excited about reading? How could I turn the most reluctant reader into a sneak-the-flashlight-under-the-covers-at-bedtime type of kid? That has been something that has taken me years to craft and I still feel like I’m only just beginning to scratch the surface. I can’t wait to see my students’ excitement for reading soar to new heights this year with all of the new additions to my library!