**April**

**2012**

**Authors of the Month:**

Primary: Beverly Cleary: April 12th, 1916

Intermediate: Washington Irving: April 3rd, 1783

**Reading Comprehension Strategy:**

## Inferring: Readers comprehend better when they make connections and construct their own knowledge (using prior experiences, visualizing, predicting and synthesizing) to interpret the "Big Idea."

**Recommended Reading:**

**The Hunger Games: Suzanne Collins**  
  
Recommended by: Ishtar Iskhiria former EL student from Park Meadows Elementary School . Now a 10th grade honor student at Barry Goldwater High School  
  
The Hunger Games is a series between survival and love. Being the two tributes from District 12 Katniss and Peeta leave home and go to the Capitol to train for the games. While they are there, Peeta admits he's in love with Katniss before the games being. From that point they become the star-cross lovers of The Hunger Games and of District 12. When joined in the arena with twenty two others, Katniss and Peeta split up. That is when the blood bath begins. Every District will have only one winner, with the exception of this year. Two people from the same District are allowed to be crowned victors. Managing to make it out alive, Katniss and Peeta are the two victors of District 12.   
  
The journey is not yet over. Suzanne Collins tells us what's-up next in the next two books: Catching Fire and Mockingjay.