



Mayor Broda assisting students as they cast ballots for the Monarch Award.

On Friday February 26th Lisle's Mayor Broda served as the election judge for the annual Tate Woods Monarch Award voting. Every first and second grade student voted from a list of twenty nominated titles. This Children's Book Choice award for the State of Illinois is sponsored by the Illinois School Library Media Association to encourage reading in grades K through Three.

Reading for the Monarch Award began on the first day of the 2015-16 schoolyear with Principal Wesley Gosselink sharing her artistic rendition of *Bad Kitty* from *Bad Kitty: School Daze*. Author Nick Bruel visited Tate Woods in October for student daytime presentations and family reading night. Bruel shared his strategies as an author and autographed books for the students. Classroom teachers continued reading the nominated Monarch titles; making connections to genres, themes, social/emotional learning, and the Common Core.

The top vote getter at Tate Woods School was *8 Class Pets + One Squirrel ÷ by 1 Dog = Chaos* by Vivian Vande Velde and illustrated by Steve Bjorkman. *Bad Kitty: School Daze* by Nick Bruel came in second. *Breaking News: Bear Alert* by David Biedrzycki rounded out the voting in third place. Nineteen of the twenty nominated titles received at least one vote! The official state winner will be announced on March 18th. Check out the 2017 Monarch list on the Tate Woods LRC website

The preschool classes chose *Vincent Paints His House* by Tedd Arnold as their favorite from the Tate Woods Nan Reeves Caterpillar Award list.

