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My alarm sounds at 5:00 am. I shuffle over to the coffee maker and pour myself a cup of coffee and carry it to the couch along with my book. I read for 40 minutes. This is my routine most mornings. I started it when my son was about 3 because I wanted to make sure I had time to read EVERY DAY. This power hour has reinvigorated my reading from when I was a kid and used to hide under the covers with my flashlight after lights out. I have always been a lover of books even when I felt like I was a slow reader, but now I read voraciously. I should probably slow down a little and savor each book but there are just so many good books. I can't help myself.

My classroom contains both the school and my classroom library. We have created a culture of reading in our school and students always have a book with them. I curate a collection for our 5-8th graders. I have learned a lot about my students through what books they like to read, and I work to accommodate their interests. It is a passion of mine to help students find books they enjoy.



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