



Notes from Patches and Friends



May Newsletter: Stories, Sunshine & Growing Imaginations

Hello Wonderful Families,

May is almost over, and June will soon be here! The flowers are blooming, the days are getting longer, and it's the perfect season to slow down and enjoy story-time together.

As a children's author, one of my greatest joys is knowing that my books become part of your family's bedtime routines, classroom reading circles, and cozy weekend moments. Thank you for welcoming my stories into your homes.

This Month's Reading Adventure

May is all about curiosity, kindness, and imagination. Encourage your little readers to:

- Read outside under a tree
- Create their own story endings
- Draw their favorite book character
- Share a book with a friend or sibling

Reading together helps children build confidence, creativity, and connection — and even a few minutes a day can create lifelong memories.

Family Reading Tip

Try asking your child:

“What do you think happens next?”

This simple question helps children develop critical thinking skills and makes storytime even more interactive and fun.

Creative Corner

This month's mini activity:

Create Your Own Magical Creature!

Ask your child to:

1. Draw a creature
2. Give it a name
3. Decide where it lives
4. Invent one special power

You'll be amazed by the creativity children naturally have when they're encouraged to imagine freely.

A Note to Parents

Thank you for raising readers, dreamers, and kind hearts. In today's busy world, the gift of reading together is more valuable than ever.

Every story shared is a memory being made.

Coming Soon

Stay tuned for:

- My new book is coming soon! Patches Explores Pagosa Springs: A Guide Dogs' Mountain Adventure
- Summer reading ideas
- Upcoming events and activities

Wishing you a joyful, story-filled week!

With gratitude,
Gail L. Oxford

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Get in Touch



Patches and I would love to hear from you—maybe you have a question for Patches, a special message to share, or even a drawing of Patches in your favorite place!



And guess what? Patches and I are always dreaming about our next adventure. Where do you think we should go? Share your ideas, and maybe your adventure will be the one we take next!

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