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## **CHARLOTTE UPPER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS LEARN THROUGH READER'S THEATER**

Charlotte Public Schools uses the Wonders Reading Program to teach students their English Language Arts skills. Each week students read many different selections in a common genre. This past week students read dramas, or plays. They were able to use their skills in reading to practice and perform *Reader's Theater* plays in class. In a *Reader's Theater* a story is told using the reader's voice only, not through actions. This helps students improve their fluency and their reading speed.

Charlotte Upper Elementary students each have a Chromebook to use in their classroom, which allows each student to have a part in the *Reader's Theater*. Each drama has between 6 and 8 parts, and the students can access the books online so all students were able to participate in each play. The Chromebooks have allowed for so many different opportunities that would not be available if we only had the hard copy texts in front of students. The students really enjoyed being able to read the plays together in groups and learn through fun activities like *Readers Theater*.

