

## scarves, earrings, and boots

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Someone has sent me this little news story - and photo - from Castle Rock, Colorado:

*Soaring Hawk Elementary kicked off the new year with a school-wide reading of Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry. Gooney Bird has the gift of storytelling and she mesmerizes her classmates from the moment she walks into class from China wearing pajamas and cowboy boots. Her elaborate tales, although they are absolutely true stories open up a new world to her second grade peers. Suddenly, everyone has a colorful tale to spin.*

*Students are now having book discussions on the playground and at the dinner table with their siblings and parents. They are focused on their writing assignments and trying to include words and phrases that will capture and keep the readers interest. Diamond earrings, a consumed cat, and a flying carpet certainly kept the Soaring Hawk kids entertained.*

*The last day of school for C-Track, Danna Finks 4th grade class all dressed as Gooney Bird Greene. Polka dot leggings with flip flops, fancy scarves and head bands, one big dangly earring and lots of boots made for an awesome track off day. It also epitomized the spirit of Soaring Hawk as a learning community.*



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