



Director Sara Bergstrom reads to the first graders.



Director Stacy McPhail shares an image from the book "DROP".

UGRWCD CELEBRATES WORLD WATER DAY 2022 THROUGH CHILDREN'S BOOKS DELIVERY!

The Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD) delivered 100 hardback copies of the book *Drop: An Adventure through the Water Cycle* free to first graders at Gunnison Elementary School to commemorate World Water Day 2022. UGRWCD Board of Directors Sara Bergstrom, Stacy McPhail, John Perusek and staff members Jill Steele and Sue Uerling delivered the books to each first grade classroom and read the story to the children.

"The book *Drop* does an excellent job of explaining the water cycle in terms that are easy for first graders to understand," said Director Sara Bergstrom. "The children were very excited about getting their own book to take home and they had great questions about the water cycle. It was a fun trip to the school and important to the District's Outreach Program."

World Water Day is celebrated annually on March 22nd. It was first held in 1993 as a day of observance by the United Nations focusing on the importance of freshwater worldwide. Each year a theme is chosen for the day of celebration

and this year's theme is "Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible." With over two billion people in the world lacking access to fresh water and groundwater being the major source of fresh water, the 2022 World Water Day encourages everyone to learn how to better share groundwater fairly and proportionately, prevent groundwater pollution and conserve water.

The UGRWCD delivers books annually to first graders throughout the Upper Gunnison River Basin, including at Gunnison Elementary School, Crested Butte Elementary School and Lake City Community School. "As a District, it is our goal to instill the message of the importance of water to even the youngest in our community so that they become good lifelong stewards of our watershed," said Director Bergstrom.



Staff member Jill Steele explains the water cycle.



Director John Perusek helps distribute books.