

A WORD FROM THE LIBRARY

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Your Librarians

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

For most of the kids it's like we never left. They have come into the library bubbling over with excitement and interest in browsing and checking out books. For those that are new to our elementary program, there has been an equal amount of interest and attraction to what is here for them to read. Yeah!!

I've begun these first few weeks explaining and refreshing all of the classes about general library procedures and policies, i.e. checking out and returning, how many books may be checked out (either 2 or 3) and for how long (2 weeks). Care of books at home, and finding books during browsing time was also covered. Each of the policies was spoken about in relation to the 3R's, Respect, Responsibility and Resourcefulness. At the same time we discussed expected behaviors in the library, i.e. using quiet voices while looking through books, walking, leaving books at the tables when finished reading, lining up at the circulation desk and engaging in discussions of stories read aloud. I spoke generally about the variety of books we have here and am beginning to inform or reinforce to the classes about library organization .

Some of the books we read that deal with these themes were: **A Story for Bear** by Dennis Haseley (3rd), **Do Not Open this Book** by Michaela Muntean (1st), **Edward and the Pirates** by David Mcphail (2nd), **But Excuse Me that is My Book** by Lauren Child (k), **Thank you, Mr. Falker** by Patricia Polacco (3rd), **Escape the story of Harry Houdini** by Sid Fleischman (5th), **Olivia and the Missing Toy** by Ian Falconer (1st) **Nicholas at the Library** by Hazel Hutchins (2nd), **Monkey Mo Goes to Sea** by Diane Goode. **Tomas and The Library Lady** (k) by Pat Mora and **Parts** by Tedd Arnold.

USING THE LIBRARY

Welcome to the library! Parents and students may check out books and magazines from the library. Items check out for a 2-week period, and may be renewed if there are no requests for the item. There are no fines for overdue materials, but there are replacement fees charged for lost or irreparably damaged items.

Each family has a library account and parents can check out up to 3 items at a time. In addition to the student collection of books and magazines, there is a special Parenting section of books available for checkout.

To check out materials when the library is staffed, bring your items to the circulation desk . If you are in the library when we are unavailable, leave your books in the **Hold** basket. This basket is on a shelf facing the large windows . Your materials will be checked out for you and sent home by backpack when we return. *Please do not take books or magazines out of the library without having them checked out.*

Our book collection is catalogued on the library computers. You can use the patron computers to search for books using keywords, or by using the recommended reading lists to find books. There are also reading lists in print at the circulation desk and available online on the school website.

We encourage parents to stop by the library and explore what we have to offer. Be sure to introduce yourself and let us know how we can help you.

Welcome to Your Library

We welcome everyone to the library. Kim and Lauren work part-time and the library is staffed four days a week. If you want to stop by the library, here are our hours:

Mon. 9:30 — 1:30

Tue. 9:00 — 1:30

Wed. 9:00 — 1:30

Thu. 9:30 — 2:00

Birthday Book Club

Thank you to all of the students who signed up for the Birthday Book Club. Welcome letters were emailed to participating families last week. If you did not get your letter, or have any other questions, contact Kim at

kplatnick@cliffvalleyschool.org

Scholastic Book Fair

Mark your calendars for the Cliff Valley Book fair next month. The fair will be open in the library from October 20th to October 24th. The fair will also be open during Storytelling night on October 24th.

Check us out on the Web!

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