



DEAR PARENTS

Welcome to the TA Elementary Library

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THE LIBRARY

The Elementary Library is located near the old gym. It contains approximately 5,500 volumes and is geared towards the needs and interests of boys from pre-K to 5th grade. Many genres of books are included in the collection, including realistic fiction, mystery, historical fiction, science, biography, poetry, history and more. Every effort is made to ensure that the collection is appropriate for our boys. The card catalogue is completely computerized and is run by a special software program geared to the needs of school libraries. The books are checked out by scanning a barcode on the back of the book.

LIBRARY SKILLS & LITERACY

All classes from Kindergarten through 3rd grade have a library skills lesson/story time every other week for 20 minutes. The librarian will pause during the story to define difficult words or discuss the story elements. Often, grades 1-3 will be given a chance to color their own illustration as they listen to the story, or will be asked to complete a worksheet.

CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT

Grades 1-5 visit the library once every other week to check out books. Grades 1, 2 & 3 may take one book. Grades 4 & 5 may take two books. Books are due in two weeks, i.e. the next library visit. If a student wants to renew a book, he can bring in the book and ask the librarian to renew it. If another student has requested the book then it cannot be renewed.

LATE OR LOST BOOKS

There are no fines for overdue books. However, no additional books may be taken out until the late books are returned. **Once a student checks out a book from the TA library, that student and his parents are responsible for it. Whether the book is kept at school or at home, that student and his parents must replace it if it is lost.** Once the late or lost book is found or replaced, lending privileges will be restored.

DAMAGED BOOKS

If a book is damaged, the librarian will attempt to repair it. If it is damaged beyond repair, the parents must take responsibility for replacing the book.

THE SPIRIT

The boys love library and we work hard to make the program lively and exciting. Reading is fun, and we hope to pass that message along to our students.