



Library News!

For K, First and Second Grades

What happens during library?

Students listen to a story and afterwards have time to explore an extension activity and check out a book of their choice.* (see below)

What type of book should my child bring home? How many?

- Students may check out ONE book each week.
- Children's interests and reading abilities vary greatly; there is no "one-size fits all"
- Some children wish to bring home a book that can be read to them, others are looking for books they can read independently.
- One goal for K-3 students is that the students know the difference between these two types of books, but the primary goal is for the children to enjoy books and reading!

*How do we know if a book is age appropriate?

- All non-fiction books (fact-based) that are age appropriate for the elementary level are marked with a yellow dot on the spine.
- Fiction books (picture books/story books) for the K-1 students are labeled **JrFic or Easy**.

Does my child need to use the drawstring library book bag?

No, but here are three reasons why your child SHOULD:

- Using a bag helps youngsters recognize and remember that the library book is a **borrowed book that must be returned**
- The bag easily fits in a backpack which makes it simple to transport the book to and from school without it getting mixed up with other school supplies
- The bag keeps the library book clean and prevents damage

What if we forget the bag or loose the bag?

If a child returns a book without the bag, a loner bag is given to child for two weeks.
If a bag is lost, a replacement bag may be purchased for \$1.

What happens when my child does NOT return a book?

- Students are limited to ONE book per week. A book returned each week gives your student the greatest chance to explore new ideas, practice responsibility, and feel confident in their decision making.
- If a book has not been returned within a month, a replacement fee will be charged. A notice will be sent home and the student may continue to check out books.

Can parents volunteer during library time?

YES! Parents are needed to assist students with checking out books, organizing table materials and clean up. Two volunteers are needed for each class. All volunteers must be VIRTUS certified. Look for the Sign SIGN UP Genius link published in the BERNIE'S BARK.

Happy Reading!

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* FAST FACTS and TIPS*

How to get the book back!

Set an alarm on your phone for the day before library class to remind you to say: *"Hey Sweetie, you have library class tomorrow! Let's find your library book so you can put it in your backpack tonight! I can't wait to see what book you bring home to read tomorrow!"*

When does your child visit the library?

Thursdays: All first and second grade classes

Fridays: All Kindergarten classes