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Dear Parents,

Due to the health pandemic, the Library Special will look different this year. "Have books will travel" is my new motto. Instead of the students having their Library Special in the library, I will be coming to their classrooms. I wanted to share with you what the process will look like.

For K through 5th whose classrooms are located on the ground level of the school, I will bring a cart of books to their classroom. For the third grade and fourth grade classes that meet on the second floor, I will bring one book per student. All of the students are completing a reading survey during the first week of school and the book selection will be reflective of what the students have expressed interest in reading.

During the weekly Library Special, after the library lesson is complete, the students will have an opportunity to browse the books available on the cart. The students will use hand sanitizer before browsing the books and will use hand sanitizer after they select the book they would like to check out. When the books are returned to the library, they will be placed in quarantine for three days. After the three days of quarantine, the books will then be wiped down with clorox wipes before being returned to circulation. **If you have any concerns about your child checking out books, please contact me.**

We are currently working to give students access to Destiny Discover, our online library catalog. The goal is to allow students to browse the catalog and place a hold (request) for a specific book. I will bring their requested book to their classroom. More communication to come once this process is finalized.

We will be continuing our Birthday Book Club program again this year. In the month of your child's birthday, an invite will be sent home to purchase a book for the library that will have your child's name printed inside the front cover. Summer birthday invitations will go home in May. Thank you for your generous support of this program.

There are still **many** books still checked-out from last school year. Can you please send them back to school with your child as soon as possible?

Lastly, I am requesting that each student bring in a picture of them reading one of their favorite books. Their picture will be placed in the hallway outside of the library.

My virtual door is always open (and hopefully sooner than later my actual door will be open). I look forward to this school year and to working with our amazing students to increase their love for reading and help them become lifelong learners!

Smiles,
Jane Ann Gaskill
School Librarian/Media Specialist

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller