

The Story of Library

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I'm Gail King, and I'm happy to introduce myself as the Librarian here at Brick. Many of you may already know me from my 20 years in the classroom, and I'm thrilled to be stepping into this new role. Books have always been a big part of my life---I've been an avid reader since I was young, and when my own boys were growing up, one of my favorite parts of the day was reading with them. I know firsthand the joy and comfort that stories can bring, as well as how important reading is for a child's development.

Reading aloud to young children is one of the most powerful things we can do to support their growth. It helps build vocabulary, strengthens listening and comprehension skills, and sparks curiosity about the world. Stories also nurture imagination and creativity, encouraging children to picture new places, ideas, and possibilities. Just as importantly, reading together creates warm, shared moments between children and adults—laying the foundation for a lifelong love of books and learning. My hope this year is to encourage that same love of reading and books in your children.

Beginning in the 3's, the children will visit the library once a week. During our time together, I'll read them a story, we'll share a short discussion, and then the children will select two books to check out and bring home. I encourage you to check your child's backpack each week, find their chosen books, and enjoy reading together as a family. These small moments build a lifelong love of books and language, and they're wonderful opportunities to connect. There is no rush to return the books, but please be sure to bring them back to Brick when you are done enjoying them. Children can deposit the returns in the lobby of our school.

Once the children are settled into the rhythm of the library, I look forward to welcoming you into the space as well. You'll be invited to come browse the shelves, explore our collection, and even check out books. I'm excited to share the library with both children and families and to help foster a community where reading is celebrated.

This spring the 4's and 5's classes will be taking a trip to the New York Public Library. During our visit, each child will have the opportunity to receive their very own library card—opening up a world of books and stories beyond our school library. Forms required by the NYPL to issue the cards will be distributed at Family conferences in November. We're so excited to help our young children take this next step in their reading journey and discover all the treasures the library has to offer!

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year of stories, discovery, and reading together!

Starting the week of November 10th, the school library will be open to adults only on Tuesdays 1-2pm, Wednesdays 9-10am and 3-4pm, Thursdays 9-10am, and Fridays 11am-12pm and 3-4pm.