



LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY

September and October 2021

CARING FOR LIBRARY BOOKS

- If pages are torn or become loose during the school year, simply return the book to school with a note. The library has special tapes and glue to fix books. Please don't try to fix it at home.
- If you'd like to clean the covers of books, please use only alcohol or hydrogen-peroxide-based cleaner and gently rub it over the cover with a slightly damp soft cloth or cotton ball.

BOOKMOBILE

Due to a lack of Bozeman Library staffing, the bookmobile will not be visiting Amsterdam School in September. They hope to return to a full schedule later this fall.

PLAYAWAYS

Thanks to PAC donations, we've added a few new Playaways to the library. They cost between 40 and 60 dollars per unit. If you prefer your student not check out Playaways, please let me know.

NEW LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS

Montana adopted new standards for several subjects including Library, Computer Science, and Technology Integration. The new standards better reflect the current practices in these subjects including inquiry in Library, the use of technology tools in all subjects, and computer programming during Technology classes.



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten will start the year out in Library by learning about caring for library books. Towards mid-September, they will begin their first mini-research unit on farm animals. In Technology, they will be learning foundational computer skills like scrolling, clicking, and navigating websites.

FIRST GRADE

First-grade students will begin the year with some basic research as they gather facts about what forest animals "can, have, and are." In Technology, they will turn the facts they gathered into a presentation as they experiment with Google Slide tools.

FIRST/SECOND COMBO & SECOND GRADE

Students will be investigating several different types of folktales. We will begin with fables, then move on to trickster tales, and end the unit with tall tales. For second-graders, typing will be the focus during Technology class in September. Montana Indian Tribe research will be the tech focus of October.

THIRD GRADE & THIRD/FOURTH COMBO

These classes will begin the year by delving into the Dewey Decimal System. We will do several activities to learn and review how nonfiction books are classified in the library. Typing will be a major focus during Technology class.

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth-grade students will be traveling to national parks this fall. We begin by reading books from parks throughout the United States. In Technology, the emphasis will be on typing in September. In October, the students will research and report on a National Park during both Library and Technology classes.

FIFTH GRADE

Here there be dragons. Fifth-graders will be interacting with dragons through a diverse collection of stories, poems, and nonfiction works. Eventually, they will be turning their favorite descriptive language from the books we've read into a digital poem poster in Technology class.

SIXTH GRADE

We'll begin by investigating countries and reading corresponding stories in sixth grade. Then students will take over the selection of countries as they "travel" around the world. They will prepare a travel budget, investigate facts about the countries they visit, and create a blog about their travels.



HAPPY READING!

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