LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY

September and October 2025

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 an alchol based cleaner and gently rub it over the cover with a slightly damp soft cloth or cotton ball.

BOOKMOBILE

The Bookmobile will be at school on **September 9ᵗʰ and 23ʳᵈ** from 11:15–12:30.

PLAYAWAYS

The library's collection of Playaways has been growing the past few years. **Each Playaway costs between \$40 and \$60.** If you prefer your student not check out Playaways, please let me know.

WHAT DO KIDS LEARN IN LIBRARY AND TECH?

Students learn life-long skills in Library and Technology. Between the two subjects, a wide range of skills and attitudes are developed including inquiry, problem solving, perseverance, troubleshooting, research, digital citizenship, programming, graphic design, and book choice. Library and Technology are cross-curicular subjects meaning I often integrate social studies, career readiness, design, science, language arts, and math into my units.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten will start the year out in Library by learning about caring for library books. Towards mid-September, they will begin their first 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.

SECOND GRADE

Students will be investigating several different types of folktales. We will begin with tall tales and then move on to trickster 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

Inquiry into forest fires will be the topic of the first few weeks of school. Along with asking and researching questions about forest fires, these students will be exploring some basic map skills. In Technology, students will be building their typing skills.

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 a National Park during both Library and Technology classes.
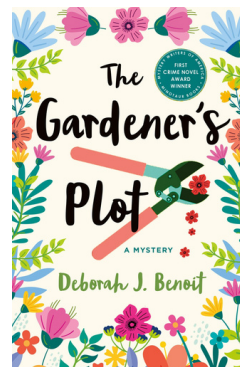
FIFTH GRADE

Here there be dragons. Fifth-graders will be analyzing word choice 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

Sixth-grade students will be traveling back to antiquity this fall as they explore Pompeii. During the unit, students will investigate volcanoes, ethics, and archaeology. Keyboarding skills will be the focus in Technology for the first part of the year.

MS. B'S SUMMER READING AND LISTENING FAVORITES

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