

Library News

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Welcome!

Welcome to the new school year! The library is up and running. We are excited for a new year of learning and reading. Be sure to stop in and say "Hi!" I am excited to meet all of you. We hope you and your child will enjoy reading our library books together. We encourage you to go to the Anoka County Library for more. We want children to learn to LOVE to read! Remember, with a book and an imagination, a child can go anywhere and do anything!

Let Me Introduce Myself

My name is Kathryn Behlmer and I am the new Media Specialist here at Park Terrace. This is my first year as a Media Specialist and I am excited to start it here! For the last seventeen years I have been a classroom teacher, most recently a first grade teacher at The Blake School.

I grew up right here in the metro area. My immediate family lives here in the Cities, except for my parents who decided to retire on beautiful Maple Lake in Alexandria.

I love to spend my free time reading, as expected! But I also love to spend time with family and friends. I try to

spend as much time outside as possible. I enjoy cooking, baking and exploring various needlecrafts. Below is a picture of me at the lake with my adorable kitty, who spends her spare time driving me crazy!

I'm looking forward to a wonderful, exciting year!



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little time*

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Policies and Procedures

All classes visit the library once a week for book checkout. Kindergarten and First grade are there for thirty minutes so that I can teach them library skills and literature appreciation. Second and third grade are there for fifteen minutes.

The number of books students are allowed to check out correlates with their grade. Kindergarten and First grade can check out one book, Second grade two books and Third grade three books.

Books are due back in two weeks. Students are not fined for overdue books, but they are not allowed to check out any more books if they have overdue books or if they have the maximum number of books allowed already checked out.

We know that things happen and books do get lost or damaged; we expect you to pay for those books. If you find and return a lost book, we will refund any money you have paid.

Library Happenings

During their visit to the library, the Kindergarteners have been learning about the "rules" for the library, as well as how to take good care of our library books. They also viewed a video highlighting the books, authors and illustrators featured in our bookfair.

For the Second and Third graders, the focus was on choosing "just right" books using the Five Finger Test. A "just right" book is a book where they know 95-98% of the words so that they can independently read and comprehend the book. The Five Finger test involves opening a book to any page and reading the text. Every time you come to a word you can't read, need to decode or just stumble on, you put up a finger. If you have raised no fingers, it is "just right" book, and probably on the easy side. One raised finger means it is just right, as is two-raised fingers, although that is getting a little harder. Three to five fingers means the book is too hard, although I tell students those are good books to take home and read with an adult, or have an adult read to them.