LIBRARY POLICIES

Overdue Books Stop Students from Checking Out
One of the most important activities in the Library is checking out books (besides learning a LOT about reading and research). If kids have overdue books, they can’t check out. If a book is lost, it can be replaced (even purchased from Half Price books if they have a copy) or paid for. If there are difficulties with paying, please just contact Mrs. Matheson. We can ALWAYS work something out.

A Reminder About Taking Care of Books
One of the things we emphasize in the Library is how to take books at school and at home.
• Handle the books gently.
• Make sure your hands are clean and don’t eat or drink anything while reading a library book.
• Use a bookmark.
• Keep them in a safe place! (Many books are damaged by younger brothers and sisters or dogs.)
• Avoid water bottles. (Every year somebody comes in with a very wet book.)

Student Input Helps Determine Library Policies
At the end of last year a survey was given to the 4/5th and 5th Grade Classes. They had a great list of things they learned and what they liked about the Library but, unlike past years, did not have a lot of suggestions. We do work hard to involve our students in making decisions about the Library so be doing more surveys in the future.

What They Liked
One of the questions was what they liked best about the Library. Their response was amazingly positive. They mentioned
1. The quality of the books in the Library. With the help of a very generous PTSA we have improved the number of books in the Library and the quality of the collection. They also liked that they get to recommend books for the Library. (Last year over $500 of books were purchased that were recommended by students.)
2. The variety of projects and
3. The teacher (who works very hard to make this a happy, welcoming place with a lot of reading, learning and fun)