

The Mark Twain School Library is filled with an abundance of resources for all ages. There are thousands of books, magazines and videos available for student and staff use.

The goals of the library are to:

- \*Cultivate a love of reading and encourage students to become lifelong learners
- \*Provide a broad range of quality resources to support both recreational reading and curriculum
- \*Teach students to become ethical and effective users of both print and electronic resources.

The school's library catalog can be accessed at home by going to <https://library.cps.edu>. There are numerous Ebooks and databases for research and recreational reading that students can access from their home computer.

Grades 1 and 2 will focus on the following reading strategies and themes during the month of March: Read Across America (Dr. Seuss), Mo Willems and his books, and the Monarch Award which is an award given out by the Illinois Library Association that children vote for. We will read some of the nominated books and complete activities based on the stories. We continue checking out each week and practicing book care rules. Please spend some time reading each night with your student!!!

Grades 3 and 4 students will focus on the following themes and skills: Read Across America (Dr. Seuss), skills practice for the IAR test, and discussion of the reading strategy, prior knowledge. Please have your student spend time each night reading!!!

Grades 5-6 will continue working at Library centers. Library centers are always a favorite of the students and this year they will have an opportunity to participate in several new ones. Throughout the next 8 weeks, students will complete activities such as creating a bookmark, origami, word games, researching using an almanac, puzzles, 3D books, poetry and much much more!

Grades 7-8 will continue to work on finding and evaluating reliable sources. As a culminating activity to this unit, students will work in pairs to complete a scavenger hunt that will require them to use all the skills they have learned about locating and using reliable sources.

Be sure to read throughout the school year! Readers are Leaders!!!!

This year as part of the Library rules, we are asking the students to Be their **BEST!**

1. **Be Honest**
2. **Exhibit a Positive Attitude**
3. **Show Respect**
4. **Take Responsibility**

Librarians,

Mrs. C. Hart & Mrs. M. Wojciechowski

