

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. There are also 35 computers for the students to utilize for research and assignment completion.

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 book themes this month: Caring (our character trait for the month) and Thanksgiving. We will use these books to learn about the parts of a book and the character and setting of books.

Grades 3 and 4 will use focus on the reading strategy of visualizing this month. They will use the book "The Paperboy" and several online tools to learn about this reading strategy. We will also explore Thanksgiving and Turkey Learning Rooms in which the students will explore stories, activities, and videos about each of these topics.

Grades 5-6 will begin the month by writing book reviews that will be displayed in the library. They will then learn about several authors and book series from our library collection. We will end the month learning about Thanksgiving traditions by exploring a learning room.

Grades 7-8 will be introduced to several authors and the books they have written. They will also write a book review for their favorite book. They will then learn about the advantages of using keywords when researching through a fun Thanksgiving activity.

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,

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Mrs. M. Wojciechowski