

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 celebrating special events this month as we read and discuss Rain and Earth Day. We will also begin a Unit in which students learn about the text features of Non-Fiction books. 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 will spend the rest of the school year working in Library Centers. They will collaborate in small groups to build, explore, research, and create as they move through each center. Please have your student spend time each night reading!!!

Grades 5-6 will spend the rest of the school year working in Library Centers. They will collaborate in small groups to build, explore, research, and create as they move through each center. Please have your student's spend time each night reading!

Grades 7-8 will be working through the Google application "Applied Digital Skills" in which they will practice evaluating resources from the internet. We will discuss what to look for when locating a reliable source and students will have an opportunity to evaluate a variety of sites.

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

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