

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 during the month of January: describing how characters respond to events in the story as well as the characters point of view, and story structure. 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 use the Google Slide tool to create goals for the new year. They will also create a Google Drawing based on the research they completed before Winter Break. Please have your student spend time each night reading!!!

Grades 5-6 will begin 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 start the new year off by creating new posters to display in the Library. This group project will allow them to create a poster about reading, checking out books and research. Posters will be displayed for the entire year for all to see!

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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