

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 two of our favorite authors, Dr. Seuss and Mo Willems as well as learning about Spring and Easter. 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 finish a unit about Digital Safety. This month they will focus on the following topics: Secure Your Secrets which focuses on creating safe passwords and Kindness Counts which focuses on being an upstander to cyberbullying. These are skills that should be practiced now and throughout their lives as they continue to use digital resources. We will also spend time practicing for the IAR test. Please have your student spend time each night reading!!!

Grades 5-6 will complete practice tests and review important tools used for the IAR test. They will then begin working at Library Centers.

Grades 7-8 will complete practice tests and review important tools used for the IAR test. They will also learn about several different authors and will complete a research project for an author of their choice.

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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