

About the Media Specialist



Freedom to Read

Reading and access to quality information is important for growth and achievement. It should not be limited. I pledge to do my part to help students find and read the information they need to create ideas, build teams, develop understanding, and generate solutions to problems by:

- ◆ Remembering and reminding others that information isn't good or bad; only accurate or inaccurate.
- ◆ Providing access to all information needed to make informed decisions.
- ◆ Creating an age-appropriate collection and insuring open access to all students.
- ◆ By keeping the media center in open for all information, without bias or judgment.

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Welcome Back and to Maple Elementary School's Media Center



DCPS Student Mission Pledge

I will finish my program of study and become college and career ready.

Maple Media Center Mission Statement

To provide students of Maple Elementary School with access to the materials needed so they learn the value of reading for pleasure and information as they grow towards college and career readiness.

Maple Media Center Vision Statement

For students to be promoted from MES with a love of reading so strong they always carry a book, and so empowered they independently seek solutions to real-world problems from a variety of written sources.

Tips for Supporting Reading at Home



- ◆ Let your children see you read and write for pleasure. Talk with them about the books you are reading and the letters you are writing.
- ◆ While in the car, tell your children stories about your childhood or about your day at work. Leave off the ending and encourage your child to provide an ending.
- ◆ Try different environments for reading aloud or storytelling. Tell scary stories in the dark, using a flashlight. Use toys as props.
- ◆ Help your child find a favorite reading spot at home and place a basket of books there.
- ◆ Read aloud to your child every day. Talk about the story and pictures, and what will happen next.

Excerpt from the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project's "Ways Parents Can Support Reading and Writing at Home"

MLMC Procedures

There are a few important things to remember about using the media center:

1. When book checkout begins (the 3rd or 4th week in September), students will be allowed to check out one book at a time. As they demonstrate an ability to care for the books and return the items on time, students will be allowed to check out a maximum of two books at a time.
2. Books are checked out for one week. Students will be allowed to renew a book until it is needed by someone else, but the media specialist must see the book to renew it.
3. Overdue notices are generated at the end of the month and sent home with the student. Until an overdue/lost book is returned or the fine is paid, students will not be allowed to check out additional books. Overdue/lost book issues not resolved by end of the year activities (like Play Day), will result in a loss of participation privileges and an obligation to the school.
4. Students should let the media specialist know if have specific interests or titles they would like to find in the library. When possible the items will be added to the collection.