

Dear Reagan Timberwolves,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Hopefully, this guide will serve as an introduction to our Library and should answer many of the questions you might have about our library. This is my 4th year as the Reagan Librarian, and I cannot wait to see all students back in the library! We do have a FREE lending library outside the library that students can take a book for free. This is run off donations so if you have any books at home, you do not want you can drop them off to the library!

Last year I had 2 book fairs, sold snack shack bags and had a birthday book club that helped me raise enough money to put 1418 books on our shelves! I will be doing a few snack shacks, Book Fairs, and Birthday Book Club again this year to raise funds to purchase new books for all students!

Library Scheduling:

Students have scheduled times to come to the library as a class during our enrichment schedule. 1st-6th grade students may visit the library before school, after school and during morning recess. In addition to helping students choose and check out books, I will be teaching library skills.

Student Checkout:

FIRST GRADERS: A first grader may check out 1 to 2 library books, the books must remain in the classroom. *First grade students may not take books home.*

SECOND GRADERS: A second grader may checkout 2 library books. (1 E Everybody book or chapter book and 1 Non-Fiction book) The books must remain in the classroom. Second grade students may not take books home.

THIRD GRADERS: A third grader may checkout 2 library books. (1 FIC Fiction book and 1 Non-Fiction book) Third grade students are allowed to take books home. The books must be brought back each day. *They do not stay at home*

FOURTH-SIXTH GRADERS: A fourth – sixth grader may checkout 2 library books 1 non-fiction and 1 fiction, fourth – sixth grade students are allowed to take books home. The books must be brought back each day. *They do not stay at home*

Parents may come and speak to me to allow an extra book to go home with students if they take responsibility for the book care at home.

Length of Time Students May Keep Items: The loan period is one week. Library books should be returned or renewed each week. Even if you are not finished RENEW, RENEW! DO NOT TURN IN BOOKS IF YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED THEM. No new books will be checked out until all books are returned or a fine has been paid. If you do not have your books on your library day they must be brought the next day.

Overdue:

Reminder notices (overdue) will be sent out periodically. No actual overdue fines are charged. However, if a student has overdue books, he/she may not check out any more until those are cleared. If a student loses or damages a library book, the student will need to pay the replacement cost for that book. Reagan library books are LIBRARY BOUND. Please note that books purchased from stores or Amazon are not the same quality as a Library Bound book.

If you are able to find the lost library book your money will be refunded. The book must be found in the current school year

Tips for Home:

Students that take library books home are encouraged to keep the books in their backpacks to avoid loss.

Create a quiet, special place in your home for your child to read. Keep books and reading materials readily available. Help your child see that reading is important. Set a good example for your child by reading books, newspapers, and magazines. Talk about what you are reading. Be attentive to your child's interests and developing skills. Remember to ENCOURAGE the type of text your child chooses: cartoons, instructions for video games, fantasy, sports, or fashion can be the key to unlocking a lifetime of reading!

AR- Advanced Reader Program- see additional page on AR and all the fun we will be having this year!

I hope that this is an enjoyable year for you and your student. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Go Timberwolves! Happy Reading! Heidi Boyd, Your School Librarian