

Frequently Asked Questions

How often do kindergarteners visit the library?

Kindergarten classes visit the library once a cycle for a 30 minute lesson. They also have 15 minutes once a cycle for book selection.

When will my child have time in the library?

This is determined by the master schedule. Ask your teacher which letter day your child has time at the library.

How many books can my child borrow each week?

Each kindergartener begins the year borrowing one book at time. When the borrowed book is returned the student can borrow another one. Classes earn the privilege of borrowing more books at a time if the class has no overdue books at the end of the month. Overdue notices are sent out once a month as a gentle reminder for students to return the borrowed book(s).

What happens if a book is lost?

If a book is lost, you can pay for a replacement copy by sending a check or cash in an envelope labeled Library-Lost Book Payment and your child's name. You can also purchase another copy of the book and send it to school labeled Library-Lost Book Replacement and your child's name. If you purchase another copy I ask that it be the same binding (lose a hardcover book, replace it with a hardcover book). I do not get upset as lost books happen at school libraries and at public libraries.

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What are library bags?

As a way to celebrate the beginning of book selection, I give each kindergartener at Tokeneke a plastic drawstring bag that says READ RETURN REPEAT on it. Students receive only 1 bag for the year. If a bag is lost or ripped, I remind the student that he/she will receive another one the following year.



Tokeneke School Library



Program Information for Kindergarten

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At Tokeneke School, the library program has four main components:

- Literature Appreciation
- Practical Library Skills
- Reading & Research/Information literacy
- Technology Literacy

Kindergarteners experience all aspects the program. They **listen to stories** that become springboards for units of study. With these books as starting points, students **are introduced to how the library is organized; parts of a library book; and the meaning of fiction, nonfiction, and biography.** This **foundation** of knowledge about library organization enables a student to find the kind of books he/she wants to borrow. Students also **learn how to access appropriate online databases to research topics** related to the books read during their weekly visit to the library as well as classroom units of study.

Tokeneke School Library pays for memberships to various online databases. In this brochure you will find brief descriptions of the online resources as well as the web addresses and login information. When accessed from home (remote access) a username and a password are required. You are welcome to access these databases during the summer.



Scholastic Book Flix

<http://auth.grolier.com/login/bookflix/login.php>

Scholastic BookFlix™ is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning. This engaging resource for children in grades PreK-3 will help early readers develop and practice essential reading skills and introduces students to a world of knowledge and exploration. Your children can access Scholastic BookFlix™ anywhere there is an Internet connection.

Remote Access for student & staff

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Pebble Go

<http://www.pebblego.com>

PebbleGo™ has four databases designed specifically for K-2 emergent readers and researchers. The database topics are:

- animals
- science
- biographies
- social studies

Web access from school or home makes PebbleGo an ideal K-2 resource. PebbleGo features easy-to-use searching tools, and introduces early learners to databases and research concepts. Students can access PebbleGo™ from an iPad or tablet as well as laptop/computer.

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