

Welcome to the Library!

My name is Julie Martin, and I am the librarian at McAuliffe Elementary. I am so lucky to get to be a teacher of every McAuliffe student! Each child will have one 30-minute library class each week. During that class students learn many skills that revolve around the library standards of Reading Engagement, Information Skills, and Media Literacy.

In addition to learning skills, students have the opportunity each week to check out books to bring home. Students check out a different number of books per week based upon grade level as follows:

K: 1 book

1: 2 books

2: 2 books

3: 3 books

4: 4 books

5: 4 books

2/3 Quest: 3 books

4/5 Quest: 4 books

While we have library class once per week, books have a two-week loan period.

Parents often reach out to ask what they should do if they believe their child has lost a library book. My answer is always that books typically aren't lost, they are just on a field trip somewhere! I encourage families to search around the house, I look around the student's classroom, and then we wait it out. Lost books almost always return. At the end of the school year if there is a book that was never found, you may be asked to

pay a replacement fee. Similarly, if a library book is destroyed (soaked by a water bottle in the backpack, chewed on by a dog, etc.) you may be asked to pay a replacement fee. Please know though, that my priority around book check out is that all students feel able to check out books without worry. If a book gets destroyed at your home and paying the replacement cost would be a hardship for your family, just let me know and I will take care of it here on my end.

Another question families may have about library class is around grading. Students do receive a grade for library on their report card. That grade is based upon effort. Students who come to library prepared to listen, learn, and follow directions earn a 3, students who would like the opportunity to earn a 3.5 or 4 in library can take advantage of extra credit opportunities to increase their grade.

For more information about our library program, you can head to the library webpage at <https://mcauliffe.lwsd.org/academics/library>.

I am so excited to see all your students next week and look forward to a fun year together in the library! Please feel free to reach out with any questions.



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