



LIBRARY NEWS

It is hard to believe Summer flew by as fast as it did, but here we are back and ready for another school year to begin. It is one of my favorite times of the year – a time of anticipation, a time of excitement, and a time of pending adventure. A child's education is truly an adventure and is hopefully an adventure filled with, learning, understanding, and growth.

At the beginning of the school year, I always review the Policies and Procedures of the Library during Orientation. This means the students understand how to use the library when they come with their class and also when they come to use the Library independently. Students practice Habit #1: Be Proactive when they learn and follow the rules and procedures of our Library. Our Library runs on an Open Circulation policy where it is open all day long for students to checkout new books. It is also open for general, independent use.

As a part of their Orientation, students in Grades 3 through 5 also learn how to use our Library catalog to search for books. It is called "Destiny Quest" and can be accessed at home as well. Go to: www.haywood.k12.nc.us. Then to "Resources", then "Students", then click on the green "Destiny Quest" icon. Students can access their own library card to see what books they have checked out, review books, and make friends of Hazelwood students (a little like Facebook) and talk about books. Students can also communicate with their teachers. Hazelwood is a community of readers and this is another way we are able to strengthen our community. We also make a "Personal List" which will house books on your child's specific Guided Reading Level (GRL). To finish our lessons on "Destiny Quest", we go to the Call Number Café. Ask your child about it; we always have a great time there!

Younger students in Grades 1 and 2 also discover how to use the Library, but also learn how to take care of books as a part of their Orientation. It is important to instill this level of responsibility in our younger students so they learn how important books are to our school and how if we all treat them with respect, they will last for many years as a part of our collection.

I will begin to visit the Kindergarten classrooms starting in October. We will have lessons in their classroom until later in the year. I imagine we will be sharing some wonderful stories over the course of many months and challenging students in their understanding of these stories and even learning some new words!

Here are some Library Announcements:

Book Fair: October 13th to 17th. If you would like to volunteer, email me at cclarke@haywood.k12.nc.us We could use your help!

Library Volunteers: We are always looking for reliable volunteers in the library to complete a variety of activities. If you could spare 2 hours or more a week to volunteer, please email me at cclarke@haywood.k12.nc.us Some of tasks include: shelving books, processing books, helping students find books, and checking out books to students/faculty.