

LEARNING CENTER HIAWATHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Hello to you from the Learning Center, our school library! Our staff looks forward to seeing your child often and getting to know her/him (and you!). We invite you to drop in anytime to sign out books for your family, to volunteer, or just to visit.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

***Research shows that reading aloud to your child is one of the most important things you can do to help him/her succeed in school.**

***As with any new skill, in order for children to become good readers, they must READ, READ, READ, both at school and at home.**

***Reading should be enjoyable; our Learning Center can provide your child with materials that are “just right” for them in terms of reading level so that he or she may become a more independent reader.**

***Children still love to be read to even after they’ve learned the basics of reading. By reading more challenging books to your child, you enrich his/her vocabulary, sense of story, and knowledge base.**

IMPORTANT POLICIES

The Learning Center is open to all students every day. **Your child does not need to wait for their designated Learning Center Day to exchange books.** They may return materials and get new materials as often as they like. Materials may be borrowed for one week, and renewed if no one else is waiting for them.

If students have overdue items, they will not be allowed to sign out new items.

If your child has lost a book, or keeps getting overdue notices when you think the book was returned, please call us. It’s possible that the book was shelved before it was checked in on the computer. Another place to check is in your child’s classroom; sometimes “lost books” get mixed in with the teacher’s classroom library. **Once we hear from you and we know that you are looking for the book, your child will be able to sign out materials again.**

DEVELOPING RESPONSIBILITY

Using the library collection is a privilege that can help your child develop a sense of responsibility. We have talked in class about taking care of library materials and returning things on time. Please help your child by:

- Deciding on a place in your home where Learning Center materials are always kept (high enough to be out of reach of pets and toddlers). It's a good idea to keep school books separate from your child's own books or books borrowed from public libraries.
- Reminding them to put library materials into their backpack when they are through with them so that they may be exchanged.

Accidents happen. If Learning Center materials get damaged, please don't try to repair them. Just let us know when they are returned and we will take care of it.

Your child's class will routinely come to the Learning Center on _____. We hope you've found this information useful. Please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns, and remember that you are always welcome to stop in and visit!

Thank you!

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