



Founders Memorial School Library
Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

Dear Families,

This week your child visited the FMS Library for the first time. They participated in a scavenger hunt to get acquainted with the library space, discussed borrowing and returning books, book care, and other library routines, and had a chance to check out books. We wanted to share our library policies and resources with you to help you and your child utilize the FMS Library throughout the school year this year.

Library Schedule

The FMS Library operates on a *flexible* schedule throughout the year. What that means is that classes may sign up to come weekly, or more often to work on collaborative projects. For the first 10-12 weeks of school, classes WILL be coming at a fixed weekly time for an in-depth library orientation and weekly book exchange. After that time, teachers may schedule visits weekly, or more often if working on a special project. The library is open to students **every day**, so students may exchange books on their own (with teacher permission) on any school day.

Please discuss with your child a safe, special place at home to keep their library books and materials. This should be a place safe from pets, food, beverages and younger children. We have plastic bags available for students to keep their library books in inside their backpacks if they choose.

Policies

- Checkout limits: **Grade 3**, 3 items / **Grade 4**, 4 items / **Grade 5**, 5 items.
- Loan period: two weeks, with the option to renew.
- If materials are lost or damaged, families are asked to pay for a replacement. Fees are gladly refunded if items are found within 45 days.

We are looking forward to spending time with and supporting your child's growth in the FMS Library this year. Some special events and programs to look forward to this year in the library are: 5th Grade Read-Aloud Lunch (this fall), the Book Fair (February), the FMS Family Book Club (March), Kevin Kurtz author visit (April), and celebration and promotion of the Red Clover and Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award books (ongoing).

If you are interested in volunteering in the library at any time this year, please let us know. We can always use able hands to help shelve and process books. You may spend as little or as much time with us as you would like! We will also be looking for volunteers later in the year to assist with special events.

On the back of this letter you will find important password information for our subscription resources. You may find all of these resources on the FMS Library homepage. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time throughout the year. Families are encouraged to set up a family borrowing account, which provides access to the digital audiobook library Sora (by OverDrive).

Sincerely,

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FMS Library password information for families (home use)

ALL links available on the library website <https://www.ewsd.org/fmslibrary>

Sora  Downloadable audiobooks and ebooks Listen in your browser Username: student's school username No password required	TumbleBook Library  Animated, narrated story books and chapter books. No password required, use the link off the FMS Library homepage
PebbleGO!  Emergent Nonfiction Research Solution Database Topics: Animals, Biographies, Dinosaurs, Science and Social Studies Username: essexes Password: school	PebbleGO Next  Middle Grade Nonfiction Research Solution Database Topics: States, Science, American Indian History, Social Studies and Biographies Username: foundersmem Password: school
Safari Montage  Educational Video On-Demand Library Username: student's school username Password: student's school password	World Book Online Encyclopedia  Online, interactive e-encyclopedia! Username: etsdvt Password: worldbook
 Comprehensive, kid-friendly country information on over 200 countries. U.S. and Canadian Provinces editions are included. No password required, use the link off the FMS Library homepage	Destiny Library Catalog  Search, renew, reserve, review! Click "sign in with google" Username: student's school google username Password: student's school google password

