



# Christ Episcopal School

## Library

### Overview

All students visit the library once a week. Concepts and activities include but are not limited to the following:

**PreK-3 and PreK-4**—Students visit the library once a week.

- Develop appreciation for books and literature by introducing a variety of high-interest topics in an array of genres.
- Correlate classroom instruction/centers with quality children's literature.
- Introduce the current year's Texas 2X2 books for young readers and provide a chart for tracking books read.
- Promote book care at school and at home.
- Learn check-out procedures.

**Kindergarten**—Students visit the library once a week.

- Develop appreciation for books and literature by introducing a variety of high-interest topics in an array of genres.
- Encourage self-selection of appropriate materials.
- Promote author/illustrator awareness.
- Use illustrations to help determine meaning.
- Encourage responsibility and prompt return of books.

**First Grade**—Students visit the school library once a week for 30 minutes.

- Learn basic organization of the easy fiction section of the library.
- Develop awareness of spine labels to determine the location of a book in the library.
- Determine the difference between fiction and non-fiction.
- Recognize non-fiction as a source of information.
- Introduce Caldecott Award for the current year's picture books with exceptional illustrations.

**Second Grade**—Students visit the library once a week for 30 minutes.

- Use call numbers to enhance location skills in the fiction and non-fiction sections of the library.
- Introduce use of online (OPAC) in locating materials.
- Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same book.

**Second Grade continued:**

- Recognize various types of genres and know their characteristics.
- Explore the dictionary and use of guide words.

**Third Grade**—Students visit the library once a week for 30 minutes.

- Develop cultural diversity awareness through literature.
- Locate and use reference resources.
- Use call numbers to locate materials in all sections of the library.
- Introduce current year's Texas Bluebonnet books.
- Evaluate books to determine personal preferences.
- Measure comprehension skills through computerized tests on the Bluebonnet books.
- Culminate Bluebonnet program with Battle of the Bluebonnet Books competition for grades 3-6.

**Fourth Grade**—Students visit the library once a week.

- Introduce Dewey Decimal System to classify books and to locate specified subject areas in the non-fiction section of the library.
- Introduce the Newbery Medal awarded the year's most distinguished American children's book and explore previous and present winners.
- Expand book searching skills, using the online catalog, to include title, author, and subject searches.
- Introduce current year's Texas Bluebonnet books.
- Evaluate books to determine personal preferences.
- Measure comprehension skills through computerized tests on the Bluebonnet books.
- Culminate Bluebonnet program with Battle of the Bluebonnet Books competition for grades 3-6.



## Library Overview continued

- **Fifth Grade**—Students visit the library once a week.
  - Use call numbers to locate relevant sources.
  - Determine the resource(s) that best match an informational need.
  - Refine location skills, using the Dewey Decimal System.
  - Introduce current year's Texas Bluebonnet Books.
  - Evaluate books to determine personal preferences.
  - Measure comprehension skills through computerized tests on the Bluebonnet books.
  - Culminate Bluebonnet program with Battle of the Bluebonnet Books competition for grades 3-6.
- **Sixth Grade** -Students visit the library once a week.
  - Correlate with classroom teacher to introduce specific genres, such as classic novels, historical fiction, and mythology.
  - Recognize distinguishing features of genres studied.
  - Recognize author and illustrator styles and determine individual preferences.
  - Understand sub-categories within the 10 basic Dewey classifications.
  - Introduce current year's Texas Bluebonnet books.
  - Measure comprehension skills through computerized tests on the Bluebonnet books.
  - Culminate Bluebonnet program with Battle of the Bluebonnet Books competition for grades

