

Cromwell Valley Elementary Library Media Center
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The key ingredient to an informed, free society is access to lending libraries. The mission of our school library is to foster an appreciation of literature, develop information literacy skills, and provide access to books and technology.

The CVE Library Media Center program has as its cornerstone the Maryland State Department of Education Voluntary State Curriculum and the National Information Literacy outcomes and standards. To meet these goals, students are strongly encouraged to select books that both interest them personally and challenge them academically. Students in grades two through five have been given criteria for selecting books on their level that they should have shared with parents. During the first quarter, students in grade one will begin using the five-finger test to choose books and selection will be limited to certain parts of the collection.

As the year progresses, students will engage in activities using reading strategies to interact with text while reading books of their choosing. Research clearly shows the connection between teaching students to interact with text and increased reading and writing achievement. These research based strategies help students use their knowledge to relate new information to their personal experiences and to their knowledge from other texts.

To promote information literacy, the Feebased Databases will be used. (See Mrs. Groth for passwords). Parents are strongly encouraged to peruse this excellent resource with their children. As students engage in online reading, they will be using strategies to enhance comprehension, construct meaning, and analyze content, much as they do with print material.

Instruction in the library would not be complete without integrating knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System. This is helpful not only in the school library but also in navigating the public library as well.

For additional information see Mrs. Groth's teacher website at http://teachers.bcps.org/teachers_elem/agroth/home.html

Reading aloud is an integral part of the library program as a way to share literature and model appreciation of reading. Guest readers are welcomed. If you have an interest in sharing a book or excerpt please contact Mrs. Groth.

Volunteers are welcome. If you are able and interested in volunteering, please complete the form below. It would be wonderful to have help in the library! Just put the form in Mrs. Groth's mailbox in the office.



I am interested in volunteering in the library. I am available on the following days and times: _____

I prefer _____ working with the children with reading and book selection

I prefer _____ clerical work: word processing, shelving books, making copies, etc.

My phone number is: _____

My email address is: _____

My child/ren's name/s: _____