

# Welcome to the Oak Forest Library!

Dear Parents,

I am thrilled to serve your child as our school librarian! I look forward to helping your child become a critical thinker, enthusiastic reader, skillful researcher, and ethical user of information!



Students will visit the library once a week with their reading class. This schedule is available on the library website. During this library time, students will exchange their library book and receive a short lesson on library and research skills.

If your child needs to exchange their book sooner than their scheduled time, starting Tuesday, September 6, we will have open library daily from 8:15-9:20. With teacher permission, students may come on their own to quickly exchange their books.

## **Tips for Taking Care of Library Books**

- Create a special place in your home to keep library books. Pick a place for your child to place his or her books away from toddlers or family pets.
- Keep food and drinks away from library books! Sticky fingers and spills can make pages dirty and cause permanent damage.
- Use a bookmark to keep your place. Don't fold the corner to mark your place!
- Encourage your child to bring books back on time. It's fun to get new books!

## **Tips for Reading with Your Child**

- Provide a variety of reading choices; magazines, books, and websites all help to develop your child's ability and desire to read.
- Make reading a natural part of the day's activities. If your child sees you reading, they will be encouraged to read as well.
- If your child likes an author, read several books by that author.
- Sit next to your child so you can share the illustrations in a picture book. Take time to enjoy the pictures.

For more information, please visit our school library webpage, which can be located by using the QR code below or by visiting <http://www.houstonisd.org/domain/42547>.

Happy Reading!  
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