

Media Curriculum

Library or Information skills are taught developmentally and sequentially following the Sunshine State Standards for Florida Schools. As part of the Language Arts Program, each class has at least one period per week.

EC 4 has a story- based curriculum. They also learn the library rules and care of books. Puppet plays and simple dramatic activities, rhymes, singing and dances are incorporated.

The **Kindergarten** curriculum adds the arrangement of the library and location of easy books and non-fiction books, check-out procedures and some author studies.

Grade 1 curriculum adds library citizenship, location skills, alphabetical order, and periodicals.

Grades 2 and 3 add parts of a book, biographies and reference books.

Grade 3 begins to learn the Dewey Decimal System of Classification Grade 4 adds special reference tools – encyclopedia, almanac, atlas, thesaurus and specialized dictionaries and more detail on the Dewey Decimal System.

Grade 5 adds on to all these skills learning about the various genre of fiction, award-winning books, book- reporting, author studies, non-fiction as a source of information and doing research projects.

Grade 6 is a transition year. Students prepare for independent individual use of the Media Center. All research skills are reviewed.

By the end of 6th Grade, students are independently able to locate, select and interpret materials for information and entertainment.

Students participate in a unit learning to use the daily newspaper.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in the production of the daily television news show.

Grades 7 and 8 expand upon all these skills, having a general understanding of the ways information may be organized and the resource tools available to help locate information. Students learn to use periodical indexes, become acquainted with authors and their works, can locate and document information and carry research through to a conclusion. Students also participate in the production of the School's daily television news show

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Students from Grade 2 up learn to use the Athena Library Program / Data Base installed on 20 laptop computers, to search for book titles, authors, subjects, keywords, book summaries and reading lexiles.

Frequent use is made of the Internet to research author websites and curriculum assignments.