

2020-2021 EDISON LIBRARY SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Welcome to our new school year. My name is **Ms. Foster** and this is my 9th year at Edison as the Library Technology teacher. I am excited to be working, learning, and reading with all of you this year.



Below is some introductory information about the various Library program and services I will be offering this year.

During the year, policies and procedures may shift in response to what is happening in our larger community, but to begin, most services will be offered online. The one notable exception is that I will be able to get our library books into students' hands.

Yay! Hundreds of new books have been added since school went online last March and I am so excited that students will be able to **check them out**.

1- SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

Students can check out books from our school library starting **Sept. 8** by placing a book on Hold. Students will learn how to do this during Library class, but here it is for your reference:

- i. On the Edison Library web page, click **Destiny Discover**.
- ii. Login with your student login and password.
- iii. Find a book you want and click **HOLD**.
- iv. Come to school to pick up your book on **Wednesday**. You will know your book is ready to pick up if you see it checked out to you that morning.
- v. Students can have **one book** at home at a time. (Parents may check out a book at this time only by using their child's login and password. This would count as the one book a student has out.)
- vi. You must **return** your book to pick up another one.
- vii. If you put a book on hold and it is ready for you on Wednesday, but you do not come to pick it up, it will be returned to the shelf.

If you want to read a book that we do not have in our collection, let me know. I welcome suggestions for new books as I make purchases throughout the year.

2- LIBRARY LESSONS

I will meet with all classes regularly to teach lessons covering the state **Library core**: reading engagement, information and research, and media literacy (also known as digital citizenship).

3- SORA

The Library web page and canvas pages contain information about how to access and use SORA, our district's digital book collection.

4- EPIC

The Library web page and canvas pages contain information about how to access and use EPIC, an online digital book collection that is available through teachers' accounts during school hours.

5- BEEHIVE BOOK AWARDS

Students will learn about this important, **statewide**, children's choice book award program and be encouraged to participate, thus helping to select the 2021 winners. The Library web page will have links and important dates to remember; provide access to the Beehive books; distribute, collect, and submit to the state Beehive committee the completed voting ballots from Edison students; and offer incentives to students who participates.

6- BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Library will once again sponsor this annual, **district-wide** program for our 4th and 5th graders. I will provide sign-ups and timelines, make available multiple copies of the Battle books, plan book discussions for each book, and offer incentives for participating. We will hold an Edison Battle of the Books in January, and the winners of this school battle will represent Edison at the district battle in March.

7- ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

Principal Damm and I are excited to initiate this new **school-wide** initiative at Edison Elementary this year. One book will be chosen and made available to our community of families to be read as widely as possible. We will circulate several copies, in English and Spanish, from student to student, family to family. As more and more of us read this same book, we will have a shared story that we can discuss, thus learning more about each other, our community, and our world. If you have suggestions for which book we should choose, please let us know. We will be picking a book by the end of September.

Visit the Edison web site (edison.slcschools.org) and my **Library web page** (Library link on top) for the most current information about our school, photos and teacher contact information, and the Edison Library program.

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