

A decorative floral arrangement featuring red flowers, blue leaves, and orange buds, positioned around a central text box.

WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY!

Samantha Smith Elementary

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IMPORTANT WEB LINKS



LIBRARY CATALOG

Check out the books we have available in the school library— including eBooks!




SORA

Our web application for eBooks! There are great picture book and chapter book options!



TEAMS

Kindergarten
First Grade
Second Grade
Third Grade
2/3 Quest
Fourth Grade
4/5 Quest
Fifth Grade



YOUR LIBRARY TEAM



MRS. FARSAD
Library Assistant

MRS. PRATT
Librarian



MEET YOUR LIBRARIAN

Name: Holly Pratt

Call her: Mrs. Pratt

ABOUT ME- Education

I was a second grade teacher at Smith for four years.
My education degree is from Washington State University.

I have a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction.
I hold certifications in Library Media Science and Middle School Math.



GET TO KNOW MRS. PRATT

FAVORITES

Food: Tacos

Color: Red

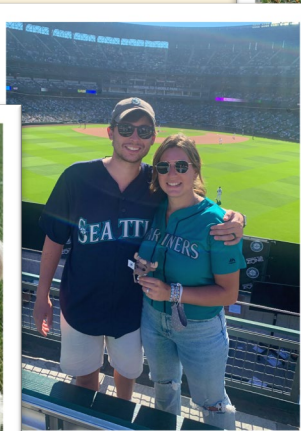
Place: Lake Chelan

FAMILY

- Married to Tyler (Mr. Pratt)- He's a high school math teacher
- Dog: Leo

I ENJOY

- Watching football- GO COUGS
- Walking my dog
- Reading (of course)
- Traveling to new places



I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Architectural Design from San Jose State University.

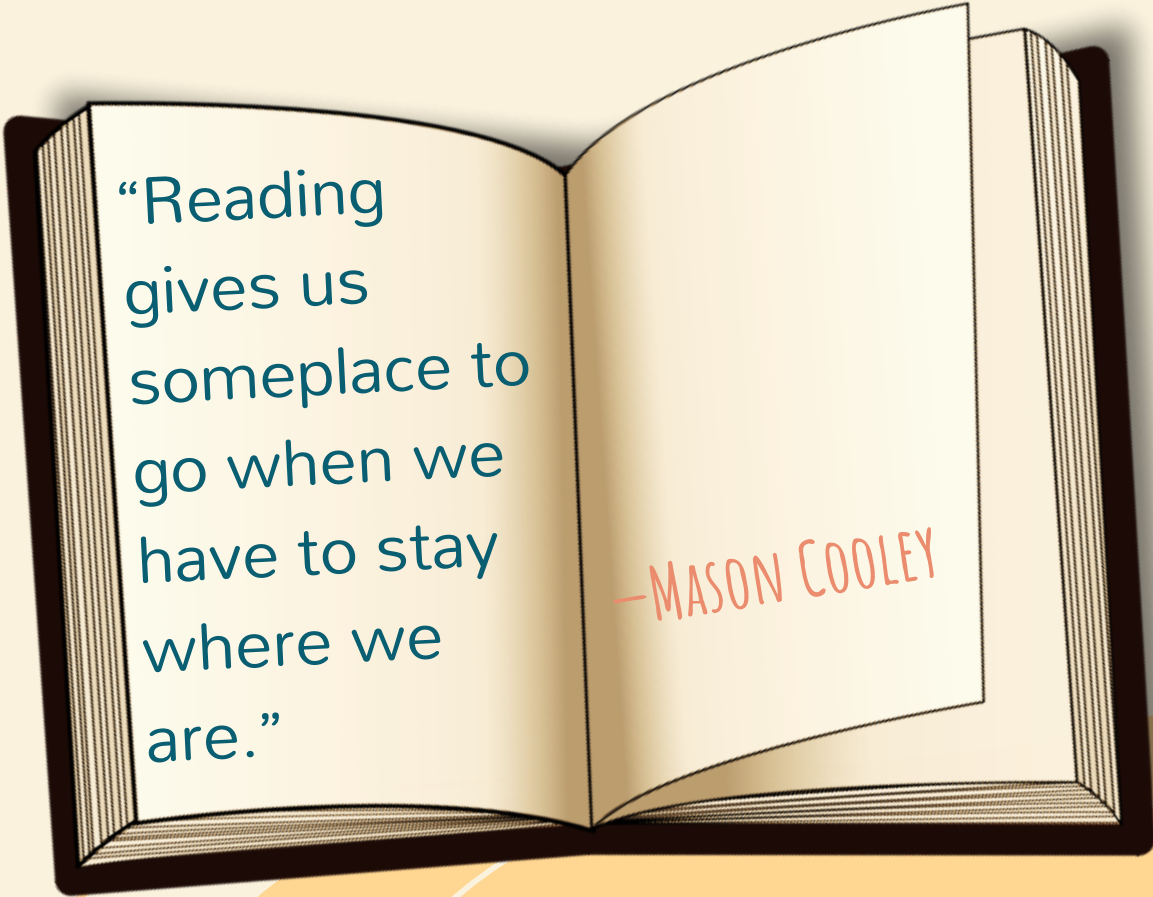
My family includes my husband Hamid, my daughter Tiffanie, my son-in-law Jason, my son Orion, and our Brittany Spaniel dog Peter.

MRS. FARSAD

Aside from spending time with my family, I enjoy traveling abroad, watching foreign movies/TV and reading.

I have worked for LWSD for about 18 years and loving it!





“Reading
gives us
someplace to
go when we
have to stay
where we
are.”

—MASON COOLEY



LIBRARY MISSION

The mission of the Library Program is to help students become effective users and producers of ideas and information. We encourage and support lifelong learning and literacy by providing an up-to-date collection of diverse library materials, instructing students in library and information skills, helping students to become self-reliant and critical users of information, and assisting students, parents, and teachers with reading suggestions matching reading levels with available books.



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE LIBRARY THIS YEAR

LIBRARY SPECIALIST

Each class has an assigned 30 minute library time once a week.

During this time there will be a lesson and time for students to check out books.

When and how many books can be checked out depends on grade level.



MICROSOFT TEAMS



WE WILL CONTINUE USING MICROSOFT TEAMS

In a much smaller capacity and only in school!

This will be a place for me to add library information.

Each grade level will have it's own Team.



GRADE LEVEL CURRICULUM

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

- Getting to know each other
- Getting to know the library
- Book care and check out procedures
- Using library resources- Teams, Sora, and Destiny Discover
- Acceptable Use Procedures



REMIANDER OF THE YEAR

- Book Awards
- Genres
- Nonfiction Text features
- Research
- Citations
- Media Literacy
- Supporting general classroom learning





BIRTHDAY BOOK DONATIONS

HOW TO PARTICIPATE



- If you would like to participate in the Birthday Book Club, here are your options:
 - Purchase a book from the [Amazon Wishlist](#) and bring to school
 - Purchase a book on your own and bring it to school
 - Last minute? I will have some books pre-purchased for students to choose from! Just bring in a \$10-\$20 donation
- Students bring in their book before their birthday
- There will be a tag in the book with their name and they get their photo on the wall as a member of the Birthday Book Club plus a small celebration

WHY DONATE?

- Makes you feel good to give something everyone at Samantha Smith can share.
- The library has a small budget and we are not able to buy all of the books we need without the help of our students, PTSA, and community.





GRADING

EFFORT

- I will be looking at effort this year.
- Use standards-based grading following an effort rubric





BOOK FAIR


DURING JANUARY CONFERENCES

- We will have a book fair this year!
- Right now, scheduled for in-person
- Scholastic
- More information will come closer to the date






VOLUNTEERS

A decorative arrangement of white flowers, including large daisies and clusters of small baby's breath flowers, is positioned on the left side of the image against a light orange background.

WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY ALLOWED TO HAVE
VOLUNTEERS IN CLASSROOMS, HOWEVER, IF
YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING
WHEN WE ARE ALLOWED, PLEASE EMAIL ME
AT [HPRATT@LWSD.ORG](mailto:hpratt@lwsd.org)

A decorative graphic in the bottom right corner featuring a red wavy line and stylized yellow and orange floral motifs.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ANY NEW
BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY, WE ARE ALWAYS SO
GRATEFUL! JUST HAVE YOUR STUDENT
BRING IT IN TO THE LIBRARY!

AMAZON WISHLIST:

[HTTPS://WWW.AMAZON.COM/HZ/WISHLIST/LS/2ECRAJGJWFY8?REF_=W
L_SHARE](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ECRAJGJWFY8?ref_=w_l_share)



AMAZING READING CHALLENGE

NEW PROGRAM



- Used to be called Global Reading Challenge put on by KCLS
- Amazing Reading Challenge created by LWSD librarians
- Fourth and fifth graders can participate
- Will make teams of 6 and there will be six books students will be questioned on
- Begins with competition at our school and eventually compete against other participating schools
- Want to help us get the books?

https://www.donorschoose.org/project/amazing-reading-challenge/5786889/?utm_source=dc&utm_medium=directlink&utm_campaign=teacherhub&utm_term=teacher_5811609&rf=directlink-dc-2021-08-teacherhub-teacher_5811609&challengeid=21266738



THANKS!

Do you have any questions?
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