

Dear Kindergarten Parents and Guardians,

We are so excited to welcome your child into the Woodland library!

Your child's class will be visiting the library once a week on their special library day. This is different for each class, so please reach out to your child's teacher if you would like to know your child's special library day. During this time, students will have the opportunity to discover a new book to borrow from the library. Kindergarteners are allowed to check out one book at a time, so the previous week's book will need to be returned before they can get a new book.

Students are expected to show their **P.R.I.D.E.** while visiting the library, and we will review these expectations regularly with your child.

Perseverance – I can wait patiently.

Respect – I can use kind words.

Integrity – I can use a quiet voice and walking feet.

Discipline – I can put things back in their proper place.

Empathy – I can treat my book like I would treat a friend.

Before checking out a book, each class receives a book care lesson. We cover these basic book care guidelines and explain what it means to treat a book like a friend:

- I can check out one book at a time.
- I can take care of my library book.
- I can show my little brother or sister how to properly care for my book.
- I can keep glue, scissors, pencils, crayons, and markers away from my book.
- I can keep food and drinks away from my book.
- I can keep pets away from my book.
- I can keep my hands clean when I read my library book.
- I can bring broken books back to Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Altidor to fix.

If a book accidentally gets damaged, and we are unable to fix it, we will remove the book from circulation. A fine for the purchase amount of the book (not to exceed \$15) will be placed on your child's account, and we will need to hold off on checking out another book until the fine is paid. We hate to charge for lost or damaged books, so that's why we stress to the students the importance of taking care of their library book.

Unfortunately, the library cannot accept replacements. We understand that what seems to be the same book can be purchased from sites like Amazon; however, the books are typically paperback or trade hardback and are not library bound. Library binding is a reinforced binding, so the book can withstand more wear and tear than the average bound book. These books are stronger, but it does cost more money to purchase library bound books. Library processing is also applied to all books purchased. This is where the barcodes, MARC records, and book pocket are already provided.

If a fine is placed on your child's account, and you would like to speak about financial assistance, or if you have any general library questions, please contact Mrs. Porter through email, porterj4@fultonschools.org.

We look forward to seeing your child in the library! 😊

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Porter & Mrs. Altidor