Mrs. Therrell's Library News

We've had a GREAT start to library this school year. Students have worked hard to learn library procedures to ensure our best learning is taking place in library. We will begin a very important unit this month on cyber safety. My hope is this will be a life skill for our students, and they learn now to be a wise cyber citizen today and in the future.

PreK-2nd Grades

We are continuing to model and review library procedures, and students are learning how library literacy centers work, as well. They are doing a great job of learning how to be an active and respectful member of our library environment. This month, we will have "friendly monster" read alouds to help us get in the Halloween spirit and integrate cyber safety skills into these read alouds and center activities. We'll learn going on the Internet doesn't have to be scary at all if we remember three important rules: 1. Always ask permission before getting online. 2. Stick to places that are just right for you. 3. Only talk to people you know.
*We will use multiple videos and sources to help us learn cyber safety in a fun, engaging way.
*Our centers will correlate with our fiction monster book unit.

3rd Grade

We are continuing our reading of the historical fiction text, Stone Fox. Students are loving stepping back into time and putting themselves in the shoes of Willy. We know Willy will find a way to help Grandfather out with his overdue taxes, and Searchlight, the dog, will be right there to help.

We are also intertwining cyber safety skills and strategies into our lessons this month.

4th Grade

Students are loving our science fiction text, Top Secret, and the efforts Allen is taking to prove human photosynthesis is possible. So far, he has mixed up a concoction high in magnesium like the chemicals found in plants, and he's not hungry. He's also extremely thirsty. He's light headed and feels funny when the sun shines on him. He also has turned GREEN!!! The trouble is…he still has to convince Miss Green and his other critics it's possible.
Cyber Safety tips and strategies will also correlate with centers.

5th-6th Grades

Because cyber safety is such an important lifelong skill for our students at this age to grasp today, we will begin each library meeting with a real-life scenario focused on a cyber safety concept: digital footprints, positive online presence, cyberbullying (being an upstander and not a bystander), cyber security, phishing (don't get tricked by the click), and other important concepts. After we discuss as a whole group, students will break into cyber safety centers that will involve them using district-mandated online resources to better their cyber safety knowledge, break out challenges created by Mrs. Therrell, and planning a short skit to "show" us what important vocabulary concepts mean. It's proving to be lots of fun while instilling important cyber safety skills too!

Cyber Safety resources can be found in Mrs. Therrell's Google Classroom.