



Dear Bridge School Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to the Bridge School Library. Your child will visit the library once a week for stories, lessons and book selection. All children are encouraged to borrow a book every week.

Kindergarteners are allowed to borrow one book at a time.

- Books are checked out for a 2-week period, but children are welcome to return their book early in exchange for a new book. They may come to the library any morning from 8:30-8:50 *with their teacher's permission*. Most K teachers do not start this practice until a little ways into the school year.
- Children who forget their book on library day will be allowed to save a book. That book is saved for 2 days only. They may pick up the saved book during morning book exchange.
- There are no fines for late books.
- Books that are lost or damaged must be replaced or paid for.

There are several ways that you can help your children get the most from their library experience:

- Read to your children regularly. When they are ready, encourage your children to read to you.
- **Encourage your children to take responsibility for their library books**, but help them remember to return books to the library on time.
- Set aside a specific place in your home for school library books so they will not be misplaced.
- Use a plastic zip bag to protect books in backpacks.
- If a book is damaged, please don't try to repair it yourself. Have your child show me the damage so I can attempt to fix it using special library mending supplies.
- Please encourage your children to speak with me if there are any questions regarding their books. We can solve any problem if it is brought to my attention.

Please check the Bridge School website for in-home access to the Destiny library catalog. You may use the link on the front page of the website, under Quick Links, to access the library page. Direct access is:

<http://lps.lexingtonma.org/Page/3097>

We offer an optional **Bookmark Contest** in December. Children may design a bookmark around a library theme. A notice will go home to students explaining the contest. I do not discuss this with Kindergarten students because it is a difficult concept for them to understand. You are welcome to discuss this with your children and decide if they would like to participate.

The PTA sponsors a **Book Fair** in April. Most of the proceeds go to supplement the library budget. You will receive more information in the spring.

My goal is to help your children learn to love reading and look forward to visiting the library each week. Please feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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