

## Media Center

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Dear Family,

Your full-day kindergarten child will be selecting and bringing home a book from the Media Center on a weekly basis. Your child will check out a book on \_\_\_\_\_ during media class.

Your child may keep the book for one week. The media book is 'due' the following week on the day the class has media. Please check the "date due" card in the front of the book to be certain of the date. Only one book may be checked out at a time, so it is important that your child remembers to return the book the following week. Children who do not return their books on time will not be allowed to check out another book until they bring back the book they have previously borrowed.

The range of our media collection meets the needs of students in kindergarten and first grade, while also providing books for advanced readers. In order to ensure that the books in our media center conform to district curriculum, DESE standards and provide for recreational reading, media specialists collaborate to choose books by studying professional journals and reading reviews. With limited funds in the library book budget, it is essential that we keep the books in our collection in good condition.

During our media time, the class discussed proper book care and your child is eager to share what he/she knows with you. Please help your child to set aside a special place at home to keep his/her book so that it will not be lost or damaged by younger children or pets.

We welcome parents to visit the media center at any time to familiarize themselves with our program. The media center will be open during fall parent conferences, please stop by and visit. The Media Program strives to provide a joyful and enriching first library experience while challenging children to become life-long library users. Parents help in this process by encouraging children to choose "just right" books for their reading and interest levels and those books, which reflect family values. In addition, parents can help children by sharing books the children select and by promoting sound library habits. The media specialist attempts to guide students in the book selection process. **However, if your child chooses a book, that you feel, is not suitable for him/her, he/she may stop by the media center and exchange it at any time for another book.**

Parents are responsible for replacing or reimbursing the cost of a book, by check only, if it is lost or damaged. Checks are made out to: Shrewsbury Public Schools.

Thank you for your support.

Promoting the joy and importance of reading,

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