

BOOK CARE

- ▶ Keep books safe and out of view of younger brothers and sisters and pets that chew. Find a special place to keep your library books at home.
- ▶ Liquid (juice, milk, water, soda,...anything wet) is an enemy of books! Liquid damage leads to mold issues. Keep your book away from anything wet, including bad weather!
- ▶ Make sure your hands are clean before handling a book, especially after eating.
- ▶ Carry your library book to and from school in a clean bookbag. Check bookbags at least once a week for crumbs, liquid, and rotting food. Books are a magnet to these kinds of things. You may even want to place your books in a plastic bag inside the bookbag for extra protection.
- ▶ Turn the pages of a book from the top of the page. This helps prevent the little tears that are often found at the bottom of pages.
- ▶ If you need to take a break from reading, use a bookmark (or any scrap of clean paper) to hold your place. Never place a book on its face, it damages the spine. Never dog-ear pages because it damages the pages.
- ▶ If a book suffers any damage, let Mrs. Hess know. If the damage isn't extensive, it can be fixed.
- ▶ If you lose a book, never stop looking for it! Books love to hide in desks, closets, between sofa cushions, in cars, backpacks, sibling's rooms, in piles on the kitchen counter, under beds, drawers, shelves - just about everywhere you can think of and then the places you can't! If you do happen to lose a book, pay for it, and then later if you find it in good condition, return it to the media center. We will gladly give the money back. We would much rather have the book than the money.
- ▶ Treat your book like a friend and all will be well!