



FOREST PARK LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Dear Parents and Students,

September 2014

Welcome back to yet another fantastic school year at Forest Park! Each year I marvel at the opportunity to serve as your library media specialist! What a blessing! Thank you for allowing me to share the love of reading with your sweeties! We have amazing reading adventures planned in your Forest Park Library Media Center (FP LMC)! We are in the process of updating our collection to provide as many new reading adventures as possible! If you or your little book worms have any good read ideas to add to our collection, please email me! We want an exciting collection full of favorites to keep our readers travel bound!

We are going to have another super year in your FP LMC! Students will participate in Arkansas Diamond and Charlie May Simon Award book clubs, meet exciting authors through author studies, conduct research using the latest technology, learn to be upstanding digital citizens, and explore the world through magical, beautiful books! Speaking of magical, beautiful books...**mark your calendars for our Fall Scholastic Book Fair coming November 10th – 19th!** All purchases support your FP LMC! Thank you for helping us to continue to build an amazing collection!

Students are participating in the Accelerated Reader (AR) Incentive Program that encourages students to set and reach reading goals by reading as many books possible on their independent reading level. Students read books and take computer-based comprehensive quizzes to earn points toward their goals! The AR program is designed to motivate children to read to improve fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary! To promote optimal reading growth, we are adding a new incentive for our students this year! In addition to AR prizes for those who reach their quarterly individual student point goals, all students who maintain an average percent of 85% or higher will also receive quarterly extra recesses! Based on last year's AR data 71.5% of our students maintained an 85% or higher accuracy level! Our goal is to have 100% of our students achieving 85% accuracy by the end of this year! **Check your child's backpack for AR Home Connect information that will allow you to keep track of your child's testing and goal progress, as well as a detailed description of our 2013-2014 AR Incentive Program, Cool Kids Read!**

Remember our ebook online libraries! These libraries are full of great children's fiction and nonfiction ebooks for you and your children to enjoy at home! Visit the websites below to explore our new ebooks! Have fun reading online!

- www.tumblebooklibrary.com (username: forestpark – password: books)
- www.mycapstonelibrary.com (username: forestparkelem – password: books)
- <http://my.abdodigital.com> (username: forestparkelem – password: books)
- www.cals.lib.ar.us (Go to KIDS then Kids Overview and scroll down to BookFlix! password: your public library card number)

You also have access to wonderful online reference databases to help with homework or to find answers to those prying questions! Visit the websites below for all of your research endeavors!

- <http://www.worldbookonline.com> (username: forestparkelem – password: learn)
- <http://school.eb.com> – (username: forestparkelem – password: learn)

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you and your dear children! Your FP LMC hours are Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.! Feel free to come and check out books with your children, read AR books, observe AR quiz taking, research on our computers, or just cuddle and read together! I so look forward to working with you and your precious children! If you would like to help out in your FP LMC during the school year, please give me a call (447-4506) or email me (ingrid.graves@lrsd.org)! Please check your calendars! I'd love to spend time with you in your FP LMC!

Love,
Mrs. Michelle Graves, Your Blessed LMS