



Dear Parents,



In order to give my students every opportunity to read, read, read, I am officially opening my classroom library for home checkout. Students do have several opportunities throughout the day to checkout books from the Hermitage library, but sometimes they end up not having a book to take home for reading homework. Here's where I can help! I have an extensive library of leveled books that I have purchased/collected over the years that are ready for checkout. As I use these books quite frequently for read alouds and lessons, it is important for the students to be responsible about taking care of the books. Not all books

are new. Many are well loved and a little worn. I merely ask that they are returned in their original condition. 😊

At the end of each day, students desiring to checkout a book from our classroom library will fill out a library card on our Classroom Checkout Bulletin Board. Before taking the book home, the card will need to be initialed by myself, or one of the classroom librarians. Then the book will be placed in a plastic bag. Students will not be allowed to checkout a new book until the first book is returned or replaced.

It is the responsibility of the student to take care of the book while it is in his/her possession. Any books that are damaged or lost must be replaced by another book or the damaged/lost book will need to be paid for.

This is a completely optional program. By signing off on the back, you are agreeing to abide by our classroom checkout rules. If the book is lost or damaged, you agree to either replace the book, or pay replacement cost.

Take Home Checkout Program:

- Checkout only 1 book at a time
- If not in use, keep the book inside the bag.
- Please return the book in the bag.
- Please take care of the plastic bag. They are not cheap, and it is my hope that they will last all year. 😊
- Please be responsible. Don't let brothers and sisters handle/tear up our class books
- Please do not write, draw, or color in or outside the book.
- No sticky fingers. 😊 Please do not eat or drink while reading the book.
- If you damage or lose a book, you will need to either replace it, or pay replacement cost.

I would love for my child to have the opportunity to checkout books from the classroom library, and my child and I agree to abide by the rules for checkout.

(child's name)

(parent's signature)



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