Library
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~ Mrs. Lacharite

Please encourage your child to read for enjoyment outside of school.

One day a week, students in grades 1-4 visit our new combined Library for thirty minutes. During that time, students select, check-out and return books. They learn how to locate and re-shelve books by genre, the proper care of books, the importance of borrowing and sharing, and the enjoyment of reading. Students in first grade may check-out one book at a time; second and third graders may take out two at times.

No student may check-out a book if they have not returned their book from the previous week. There are no fines or penalties for late books however lost books will need to be replaced.

After the children have returned and checked-out books, they actively listen as I read to them and then we discuss. The children books chosen frequently come from Newbury and Caldecott Award lists, seasonal favorites, and high-quality chapter books that encourage interest in following a longer story to its end.

> "Reading aloud to children helps them develop and improve literacy skills -- reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Since children listen on a higher level than they read, listening to other readers stimulates growth and understanding of vocabulary and language patterns."
> Jim Trelease: The Read Aloud Handbook

Students receive two grades per class period. The first is for preparedness (did they remember to return their book?) and the second grade is for engagement, participation, attentiveness and proper library conduct. Please see their Google Classroom Library page for recommended book lists and resources.

* Our *World Book Online Encyclopedia* subscription is available inside and outside school to all Blessed Sacrament students. Along with three age/ability level encyclopedias, please explore the activities, ebooks, timelines and multimedia resources for preschool students through adult.
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