

Course Description

Grade 3 Library/ Media Center

Philosophy Statement: The library at Des Moines Christian School supports a well-rounded education based on the belief that God is the source of all truth. To this end, the library promotes learning to read and reading to learn with informational and recreational text and literature. The teacher-librarian instructs students to explore God's world through print and electronic media.

Course Objective: Students will be introduced to materials suitable for their reading level, proper library behavior, library procedures, and book care. Students will continue their listening and sharing skills, taking turns, and getting along in a group situation. Students will become acquainted with Caldecott books and their significance in children's literature. Students will present a story in puppet play format to younger classmates. Students will identify each section of the library and find books using the computerized card catalog.

Textbooks: None

Materials:

- Various picture books
- Crafts
- Biographies
- Non-fiction books
- Computerized card catalog

Time Allotment: 40 minutes per day, 1 day per 6-day cycle week

Course Content:

- Library orientation
- Coordination with classroom units
- In-depth study of featured author's (E.B. White) life and work
- Seasonal themes and crafts
- Caldecott Medal
- Elements of a folktale
- Elements of a biography
- Puppet plays
- Book care
- Promotion of appropriate materials for their level, authors and location
- Basic organization pattern of library and identification of each section
- Non-fiction arrangement by numbers
- Introduction to computerized card catalog, alphabetizing
- Parts of a book and importance of call number
- Reference section—encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases
- Difference between fiction and non-fiction
- Introduction to MLA format
- Appropriate use of library materials and magazine check-out procedure

Areas to be evaluated:

- Class discussion
- Finding fiction book in collection using computerized card catalog

Additional activities:

- Book/magazine check-out once a week
- Students design their own Caldecott medals