

@ Our PMS Library

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Differentiation: teachers' lessons challenge all learners to reach their greatest potential.

7th Grade Accordion book:

Writing from the point of view of a medieval character--peasant, knight, serf, etc.--students write entries that include facts gathered in the library, or challenge themselves further by connecting one story to the next creatively weaving details throughout.



Envelopes and file folders teach kids organization. Materials are available in a variety of reading levels and formats to meet all students' needs.

What's Going On?



Sixth grade classes came in for a 4-day orientation including a scavenger hunt, a reconnaissance mission in the OPAC, an exploration of the databases, and a book talk. Sixth graders also researched fishes of the bay before their Discovery Voyage.

Seventh graders enjoyed book talks as well. In addition, core classes researched people of the European Middle Ages, as well as Food Additives for science.

Eighth graders frequently come to the librarians for book suggestions. They are required to read one book per quarter outside of English class, and turn the reports in to the library. History classes researched colonial times in preparation for writing a time-period journals. Science classes explored and compared the positive and negative aspects of the elements.

What are they saying?

"I loved that book, *Sabriel*. I want to read it again!"

"You've got to read this one, it's great. Do you have the next book after *Hunger Games*?"

"When are you getting the new Rick Riordan series? It came out yesterday!"

"Regarding *the Fountain* was one of the best books I ever read."

"*The Executioner* was a little too easy, but I loved the story."

ASK YOUR 6TH GRADER:

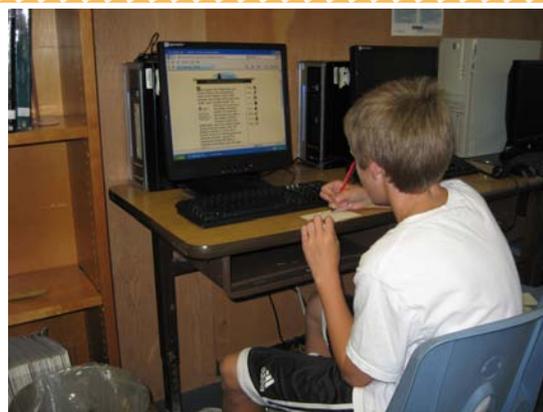
What does OPAC stand for? Did you see the fish you researched when you went on the Discovery Voyage?

ASK YOUR 7TH GRADER:

Name a medieval beauty treatment that included the use of leeches!!

ASK YOUR 8TH GRADER:

What is an element family?



Students use subscription databases to find information they need, thanks to Parents' Club Grants!