

@ Our PMS Library

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What's a Research Pathfinder?

Research Pathfinders are students' treasure maps to the best information. Public and university libraries use pathfinders too, so learning how to use them effectively is a lifeskill. At PMS these librarian-created documents are found in the library drop-down menu; each project in the list is a link to its pathfinder. They are organized to correspond with the project's goals; if the project requires the most current information available, then the databases, which are continually updated, will appear at the top. Many begin with books as students can access online resources from home.



Check out our History Term Paper Pathfinder to see what the kids are learning!

What's Going On?

Sixth grade celebrated March Madness, which encourages reading. Mrs. Hall surprised classes during silent reading with treats! Science classes were introduced to **Science Article Reports** in the lab. Teachers pointed out that science is everywhere; librarians directed students to resources on the library website that help them complete these science current event reports in 7th and 8th grade too.



Seventh graders enjoyed book talks with Core classes and studied STIs for science. Some 7th and 8th graders studied Chinese Culture in their Mandarin classes.

Eighth graders researched their term papers with history classes and came in for reader's advisory help to complete their quarterly book reports for English.

What are they saying?

“MARCH MADNESS! Which of you is reading a book with a witch or wizard in it?”

“How many more people ahead of me? I can't wait to read *Catching Fire!*”

“So this book tells what happened between *Enders Game* and *Speaker for the Dead*; it is pretty interesting because it clears up a lot of unanswered questions”

“I read that new book, *Brain Jack*, and it was really good!”

ASK YOUR 6TH GRADER:

How did you find an article for your SAR?

ASK YOUR 7TH GRADER:

What book do you currently have for outside reading?

ASK YOUR 8TH GRADER:

How do you use Easybib, and what is it?



Lunchtime continues to be a busy busy place! It is so fun to see the kids enjoying themselves; you can see that they feel comfortable in the library!