



SMS Media Matters



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Media Lessons

When scheduling lessons, collaboration is the key. The more collaboration that occurs during the lesson the more effective and meaningful the lesson will be to the students. Lessons should be based on the needs of your students. I can assist with lessons on a variety of topics.

Some lessons I taught last month include: making a power point presentation, finding books in the Media Center, research skills for Science projects, Book Pass activity for reading motivation, choosing books based on content and level, and reading non-fiction text.

Some other lesson ideas are:

- Reading real world nonfiction text
- Using nonfiction text features
- Figurative language
- Plagiarism
- Internet safety
- Website validity
- Primary and secondary sources
- Making a bibliography / works cited
- Using reference materials

Please Help!

-We have many kids coming to the Media Center during Critical Thinking who are just "hanging out." When sending students during Critical Thinking please make sure they are coming for a purpose. You may want to give them a time limit to get back to class.

Policy Reminders

- The Media Center does not open for students until after the morning announcements.
- Students must have **their own signed planner** to come to the Media Center without their teacher.
- You may send up to 4 students at a time.



Coffee Bar

The coffee bar has been a huge success. Thanks to everyone who has been bringing in stuff to share or funds to donate. If you are ever the first to arrive in the morning or if the pot is ever empty please feel free to make your own. This is your space!

New Books

New books are arriving to our Media Center daily! We have already added over 200 books including multiple copies of this year's Sunshine State Young Reader's Award books! Hopefully as our collection is refreshed the students' interest in books will grow even stronger. New books are often placed on the display at the front of the Media Center or on top of the book cases.



Sunshine State Young Reader's Award

The Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program is a statewide reading motivation program for students in grades 3-8. The program, cosponsored by the School Library Media Services Office of the Department of Education and the Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME), began in 1983. The purpose of the SSYRA Program is to encourage students to read independently for personal satisfaction, based on interest rather than reading level.

Each year 15 Sunshine State books are selected for their wide appeal, literary value, varied genres, curriculum connections, and/or multicultural representation.

The Sunshine State books in our Media Center are located towards the front of the room. Students will earn prizes when they have read 3, 5, 10, and 15 of this year's titles. All students who read 10 or more of these wonderful books will be invited to participate in the SMS Battle of the Books competition. **Students should inform me when they have read 3 of this year's Sunshine State books** so that I can display their progress in the Media Center and give them their reward.

Please encourage your students to read these great books!

For more information about the Sunshine State Young Readers Award please visit: myssyra.org

Media Center Website

The new Sebastian Media Center website is just about ready. I have been hard at work adding links and information that will hopefully be helpful to you and your students. Some of the things you will find on the site are:

- **Media policies and procedures**
- **Media orientation video**
- **Links to author and book series sites**
- **Teacher resources**
- **Helpful links**



Please let Mary Alice or I know if there is anything we can do to help make your job easier. We are here as a resource for you and the students at Sebastian!