



I would like to welcome you to our Canton School of Arts & Sciences library web page. One of our goals is to provide quality instruction to our students. This year we are introducing web based knowledge to create an authentic learning atmosphere for students and parents. We are striving to be a multicultural center not only to Canton School of Arts and Sciences, but to the surrounding community of Canton as well.

The media center will host the Mohammed and Lonnie Ali Go the Distance Program! This innovative program increases motivation while introducing personal convictions to the ideas of confidence, determination, respect, mentoring, and sharing. Based on the combined experience and research of Dr. Alfred Tatum and Dr. Jeffery Wilhelm, and sports great Mohamed Ali, the Go the Distance Program actively engages students with inquiry based curriculum that makes reading relevant to their lives. Go the Distance Program empowers students to overcome obstacles and achieve greatness.

Accelerated Reader is a supplementary reading program used throughout the school. It helps students develop the ability to read for data, to develop their skills to select appropriate titles for reading, and become independent readers. Books are leveled so that students may select titles at their level. There are tests for each Accelerated Reader book and students can earn points when they test on a book.

HOW to Pick a Book that is Just Right for You!

Ask your friends.

Find out what your friends are reading. They may have some good ideas for you.

Ask your librarian or teacher...

Librarians and teachers know a lot about books. Ask for some suggestions.

Talk to your parents...

Talk with your parents about different subjects and your interests. Ask them to help you pick books that you may like.

Look the book over first...

Examine the book before you start to read it. Read the "blurb" (a funny word that means a short summary about the story) on the inside of the book's cover. Look at the cover, pictures, and chapters.

Try the 5-finger test...

If you think a book may be too hard for you try the 5-finger test. Read the first page. Put a finger on every word you don't know. Keep the fingers on those words. If you use all five fingers of one hand on one page, you might want to look for another book.

Find a favorite author...

If you like a book by a certain author, you'll probably like other books by that same person. Most authors have written more than one book.

Think about the book...

After you've read one book, and before you get another one, take a few minutes and think about the book you've just finished. Did you like the story? Did you like the people? Was it funny? Did it make you feel happy or sad? Did it make you think? If you liked it, tell a friend about it!