

An illustration of a person with dark hair in a braid, wearing a light blue shirt, standing in a library. They are reaching up to a shelf filled with books. The scene is framed by a red vertical bar on the left and a yellow vertical bar on the right. A grey horizontal bar at the top contains the text 'GREETINGS FROM THE WYNGATE LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER'.

GREETINGS FROM THE WYNGATE LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

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Students have been very busy in the media center so far this year. We are off to a great start! Here's a rundown for the first quarter.

Besides reacquainting themselves with the media center and computer lab, each grade level is engaged in one learning experience or another! Here's what we're doing!

5th Grade-Fifth graders have been learning about how to cite sources, particularly websites, and use online resources. Soon they will begin their first research project of the year. They will be researching a scientist and creating a "Facebook" page to highlight their life and accomplishments. They will then prepare a speech and introduce themselves as that scientist to their classmates.

4th Grade-Fourth graders have also been learning about citing sources and using online resources. As part of their science unit on ecosystems, fourth graders are getting ready to research an invasive species. They will create, using *Pixie*, a series of pictures demonstrating the effect of the invasive species on its ecosystem.

3rd Grade-Third graders will become more independent this year by learning how to use the patrons catalog. No more *asking* where books are-now they can use the computer to locate and find books of interest! They will begin this process within the next two weeks.

2nd Grade-Second grade is learning where books on certain topics are found and the reasoning behind the organization of our library. They are also learning how to locate books on their own and choosing books that are appropriate. We have also been reading folktales from Hispanic cultures in celebration of Hispanic American Heritage Month.

1st Grade: First graders have been learning about the care of books and where to find books that are appropriate for their reading level. Have them tell you about the five finger rule! Works every time! We have also been reading folktales from Hispanic cultures in celebration of Hispanic American Heritage Month.

Kindergarten: During the first quarter, kindergartners spend a lot of time learning about book care, responsibility for their books, locating books in the library, and of course, hearing great stories! Soon we will begin making our very own alphabet books to keep in the classroom.

The **reading incentive program** will begin in early November. The theme is TOP SECRET but is sure to please all of our students. Look for the first clues at Halloween. More information will soon follow about our wildly successful reading incentive program. We can't wait!