A little bit about myself...

My name is Jessica Turner, and this is my first year as the School Media Specialist at GA. I received my MA in Education in 2005, and have several years of classroom experience working as a teacher and consultant. I look forward to getting to know your children during their visits to the media center and computer lab and can't wait to watch them grow into lifelong 21st century readers and learners!

Education
- MA from the University of Michigan-Flint in Education, 2005
- BS from Montana State University in Public Relations and Management, 2004
- AA from St. Clair County Community College in Communications, 2002
- Multiple education certifications in Florida and Michigan
- National Trainer for many professional programs such as:
    - Strengthening Families Protective Factors
    - Neuroscience, Epigenetics, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Resilience (NEAR) Science

The Library Curriculum

The GA library curriculum is based upon the guidelines laid out in State of Michigan Library Media Programs, as well as AASL's Standards for the 21st Century Learner. We will be discussing various information literacy concepts throughout the year, including, but not limited to:
- Resources in the Library
- Organization of the Library; Dewey Decimal System
- Parts of a Book
- Fiction vs. Informational/Non-fiction
- Text Features of Informational Books
- Fiction Genres
- Research Skills (reference books in the library, website evaluation, search strategies, bibliographies)
- Using the OPAC and Online Catalog

Pre-K through 5th grade students will visit the library once a week for read-alouds, information literacy lessons/activities, and book checkout. They may also use their library time to complete AR tests. Academy students will visit the library with their teachers as research needs arise. They are welcome to check out books any time I am at the desk or when they visit the library with their ELA teacher.

Library Materials
Pencil Pouch
Bookmark (used for checking out books, reading and kept in Library)

Grading Procedures
Students do not receive a grade for Library, though they can, as a class and individually, earn rewards for good behavior.

Please review and return the library procedures and expectations online (https://forms.gle/2gVXh6RLpiFaCzkEA). Students will not be able to check out books until these have been returned.

The Computer Curriculum

The GA computer curriculum is based upon the guidelines laid out in the State of Michigan Technology Programs, as well as ISTE and AASL's Standards for the 21st Century Learner. We will be discussing various technology and digital literacy concepts throughout the year, including, but not limited to:

I. Basic Computer Concepts and Operation
   - Parts of the Computer and Their Functions
   - Keyboarding Skills
   - Mouse Skills

II. Digital Citizenship & Online Safety

III. Research Skills & Web Evaluation

IV. Productivity and Collaboration
   - Collaboration using Google for Education apps
   - Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher
   - iPad apps
   - Other Web 2.0 Apps & Tools
     - Creating and sharing screencasts, videos, book trailers, virtual flyers, presentations, etc.
     - Creating websites/digital portfolios

V. Computer Programming/Coding

Computer Materials

Pencil Pouch
Headphones

Grading Procedures

Students are graded as follows:
- Kindergarten: Effort/Participation 100%
- 1st – 2nd: Classwork 50%, Conduct/Effort 50%
- 3rd – 5th: Classwork/Projects 60%, Conduct/Effort 40%
- Academy: Classwork/Projects/Homework 70%, Conduct/Effort 30%

Note that most projects this year are designed to be completed at school. Students are, therefore, advised to use their class time well. Any work that is due at the end of the class that is not completed satisfactorily becomes homework and is due at the beginning of the next class. In cases where students do not have computer or internet access at home for homework, alternative arrangements can be made ahead of time.

Students are welcome to practice various computer skills at home; links to different apps used in class can be found on my website http://gaschoolmedia.weebly.com.

Thank you for allowing me the pleasure of teaching your children, and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding your child's progress in class.

Sincerely,

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