



# CALL NUMBERS IN THE LIBRARY

# WHAT ARE CALL NUMBERS?

- A Call Number is like the book's address in the library – it's where it lives!
- Think of the library as a school bus and the books as students who need to be picked up. If the bus driver doesn't have any addresses, how will he or she find the students?
- You can think of the library in the same way. What would happen if we put the books just anywhere on the shelves?



# THE SECTIONS OF OUR LIBRARY

## EASY

- These are picture books for everyone to check out.
- They are color coded to help you choose your level.
- Call numbers begin with E (easy), followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> two letters of the author's last name.
- Examples:

E  
BE

E  
RE

E  
VA



# THE SECTIONS OF OUR LIBRARY

## FICTION

- These are chapter books for grades 3-5. There is also a new section for easy chapter books! Check out the spinning shelves.
- Call numbers begin with F, followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> two letter of the author's last name, or the 1<sup>st</sup> three letters in some cases. If there is a third row with a letter, that is the F & P level.
- Examples:

F  
KI

F  
ROW

F  
WH  
R



# THE SECTIONS OF OUR LIBRARY

## NONFICTION

- These books are organized by the Dewey Decimal System.
- Call numbers range from 000 to 999, followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> two letters of the author's last name.
- Examples:

001.9  
An

398.2  
Mc

627.1  
Bi



# THE SECTIONS OF OUR LIBRARY

## REFERENCE

- These books are organized by the Dewey Decimal System.
- The top line will have either an “R” or “REF” for Reference.
- Followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> two letters of the publisher’s name. For example, “RI” is Ripley’s Believe it or Not. “SCH” is for Scholastic.

R  
423.1  
RI

REF  
031  
ME

R  
498  
SCH



# THE SECTIONS OF OUR LIBRARY

## BIOGRAPHIES

- These books are organized similarly to Fiction.
- The top line will have “B” for Biography.
- The second line has the 1<sup>st</sup> two letters of the person’s name that the book is about. For example, “KI” is Martin Luther **K**ing, Jr.

B  
KI

B  
ME

B  
TE



# V.I.P.

- The black bins contain popular fiction and non-fiction books. They are organized by genre or series.
- You may only check out one at a time unless you have permission otherwise.
- You must maintain 3 things in order to be a V.I.P.
  - First, you must follow the directions the first time given.
  - Second, you must take care of your books and return them on time.
  - Third, you must be on track with your Accelerated Reader goal.





# ACCELERATED READER

## BOOK LEVELS

- Each book has it's various reading levels on either it's spine or inside the front cover.
- AR- Accelerated Reader
- RL- Reading Level
- A number with a decimal is the AR level. For example 4.1 is fourth grade, 1<sup>st</sup> month.
- AR levels in our library range from 0.1-7.9
- PTS- Points
- The points your are able to earn are listed as either whole numbers or decimals.
- All picture books are ½ point, 0.5.
- Most chapter books have 4-16 points.



# LEXILE & GUIDED READING BOOK LEVELS

- A book with a lexile number can be identified with either Lexile or just an “L” following the number

AR  
RL  
4.6  
PTS . 7  
**LEXILE**  
**750**  
S

AR  
RL  
4.6  
PTS  
7  
**750L**  
S

AR  
RL  
4.6  
PTS. 7  
LEXILE  
750  
S

- Guided reading levels are from A-Z.

RL  
4.6  
PTS 7  
LEXILE  
750  
**S**



- Why is it so important to use shelf markers?
- Is it OK to put books on just any shelf in the library?
- How can call numbers help me find books in the library?
- Why can't I find books I'm looking for sometimes?
- How can I help keep the library in order?

