

# The LIBRARY



The Locke Hill Library is the heart of our school. It is the place to go to obtain information, conduct research, work at computers, hear stories and just to enjoy reading.

Our collection contains more than 17,000 books, hundreds of audio-visual materials, magazines, and nine computers with Internet access and some top-notch databases.

All students may go to the library individually as they need books and other materials. They also go to the library with their classes or in small groups to gather information for assignments and projects. Mrs. Tong collaborates with classroom teachers to create integrated lessons that support the curriculum.

Our library is also open to families, so that pre-schoolers can be introduced early to the joys of reading. Families are welcome to check out materials and are encouraged to come in and find books that they would enjoy reading with their child. Parents may check out five books at a time and keep them for a period of two weeks.

## There is something for everyone at the Library !!!



Accelerated Reader is a program that allows students to take short comprehensive quizzes over the books they read. They earn points for awards.

The Texas Bluebonnet Award is sponsored by the Texas Library Association. Its purpose is to encourage children to read a wide variety of books. Third, Fourth and Fifth graders participate in this program.



Locke Hill has access to numerous online databases. Please see Mrs. Tong or Mrs. Lieber for passwords so that students may utilize these resources at home.

*"Children are made readers  
on the laps of their parents."*

*Emilie Buchwald*

Stacie Tong, Librarian



## **Enrichment At Locke Hill Elementary**

Kim Stewart  
ALPHA Teacher  
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Stacie Tong  
Librarian

Enriching students all day.....  
every day!

## Special Classes for Gifted

Advanced Learning Program for High Achievers, or **ALPHA**, is a pull-out program for identified gifted students. Students take the **ITBS** (Iowa Test of Basic Skills), the **CogAT** (Cognitive Abilities Test), and the **TTCT** (Torrance Test of Creativity) when being evaluated for ALPHA. All tests are administered by a trained tester employed by the NISD G/T Testing Center. Following is the nomination schedule for the 2009-10 school year:

**October 2, 2009:** 1st-2nd grade nominations are due

**October 30, 2009:** 3rd-5th grade nominations are due

**November 20, 2009:** Kindergarten nominations are due

**February 12, 2010:** 3rd-5th grade nominations are due

**March 12, 2010:** 1st and 2nd grade nominations are due

For more information about testing, log onto [www.nisd.net/giftww/](http://www.nisd.net/giftww/) or contact Kim Stewart, specialist for gifted education at Locke Hill Elementary, at 397-1600 (ext. 3112).

In grades 1 and 2, identified students are pulled from the regular classroom setting to study creative/productive people with resource teachers for approximately two and a half hours per week. ALPHA targets creativity and higher level thinking skills. Strategies to enhance thinking are included in each lesson, and great effort is expended to preserve a sense of wonder and a positive approach to learning in these students.

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 spend approximately three hours a week in ALPHA class, where they investigate broad-based, process-centered interdisciplinary studies. Students participate actively and have the flexibility to “try out” unique ideas. Activities feature thought processes and higher level cognitive skills, creative thinking, logical problem solving techniques, research skills related to an independent project, and development of a realistic self-concept in relationships with peers and adults in everyday experiences.

Topics covered in both of these classes encourage students to utilize Dr. Sandra Kaplan’s Depth and Complexity Model. This is done as students are given opportunities to investigate unit topics in great depth, as well as to discover the relationships between and among the ideas within the topic.

## Enrichment Opportunities

- Lego Club (gr. K-1)
- Chess Club (gr. 2-5)
- American Girls Club (gr. 3)
- Mad Scientists (gr. 3-5)
- Computer Club (gr. 4-5)
- Student Council (gr. 4-5)
- Drama Club (gr. 4-5)
- Scrapbooking Club (gr. 5)
- Mathematical Tourist (gr. 5)

