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Explanation

The SLMC is a place where students and faculty can adapt to the information and technology needs of the 21st century though collaboration and inquiry. The SLMS is a school leader, working with all members of the school community to educate and encourage as the “essential link” to all resources available. We are partners in teaching students how to learn and where to find and use information.

School Philosophy

At Chatham Park we are committed to the belief that every child can learn. We feel it is our duty to develop a solid foundation of skills in reading, writing and mathematics. In addition, through our policies and practices, we foster the development of sound character, democratic values, ethical judgment and self-discipline.

SLMS Philosophy

The dynamic SLMS is the “essential link who connects students, teachers, and others with the information resources they need” (2) to optimize their teaching and learning potential and build a solid foundation of learning in a student-centered program.

Vision

The school library media program will enhance the lives of the school community through “collaboration, leadership, and technology” (4). The SLMP supports the curriculum of the Haverford Township School District and the diverse interests of our students. By providing a warm, caring environment in which children feel comfortable and take risks, we plan to teach the whole child and provide the necessary resources for the greatest learning potential.

Mission

The mission of the Chatham Park Elementary School library media program is to “ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information” (6). The SLMP is devoted to being student-centered and providing our students with the ability to find, use, and evaluate information. We hope to provide a welcoming environment where students begin their life-long journey of learning.

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