



Information Center Webpage and Lessons



Mrs. Rosana Melau



Mrs. Isabel Coutinho

Have you checked out Ferguson's Information Center website? It contains important and useful links. **Arianna Amico** came in at the beginning of the school year for an Information Center lesson scheduled by **Mrs. Coutinho**. Arianna was recently seen using the website to complete an assignment for **Mrs. Coutinho**. She writes: "At the beginning of the school year I schedule a visit to the Media Center with my classes for Ms. Alvarez's presentation on what constitutes plagiarism and how to do a bibliography. They are required to take notes, take her quiz, and make use of the information for all my projects for the school year. I also require them to use the school's Virtual Library for their research. This is extremely helpful throughout the year and in college."

Mrs. Melau has also scheduled lessons with Ms. Alvarez in the Information Center. **Mrs. Melau** not only uses the website consistently she always directs her students to use the site as well. She makes the students use the website as part of their research process. **Mrs. Melau** writes the following:

"I think that our Media center resource center is one of the best in Miami- Dade. I use its resources year round.

1. When I am looking for a video or print material for the Unit I am covering I search through DESTINY to find what we have available. I then email the media center and ask Ms. Alvarez if she can reserve it for me. I then simply go pick it up during my planning or she often puts it in my mail box.
2. During the first semester I make a point of scheduling a date to take all my classes to the media center, where Ms Alvarez gives them an hour long course on how to use the resources available to them. This includes searching through the various resources on line, books, and periodicals. She also shows the students the proper way to cite their sources. My students very often use the media center webpage for information on projects that I assign, since I insist that they cite their sources correctly using the MLA style (explain in details on the website)
3. For my own personal use I have often used the media center research sources while doing my Masters and Bilingual endorsement. I have in fact given our media center research web page address out to several other teachers in the above programs with me. Several of them were very impressed with the resources available on the site."



"In my opinion, the webpage that the Media Center created to help us out with the projects is really helpful and really easy to use."
Arianna Amico

Reading Give Away Winners for April

Daisy Gutierrez—Mrs. Peyno
Cody Sutton—Mrs. L. Romero

Top Student Patron: **Nicolas Pinto**
Top Teacher Patron: **Teri Peyno**
Top Title: **Go Ask Alice**

CORE VALUES— HONESTY

Honesty is being sincere, telling the truth, not stealing or cheating. It also involves not "withholding important information in relationships of trust." The following students demonstrated "HONESTY" while in the Information Center. Hats off to you!!!

- Diana Jardon** returned a wallet she found left by the printer station.
- Raphael Cuvilly** called back a student to return the change she left behind in the printer's coin return.
- Daimara Palomares** returned the money she found left on the counter to the student who was paying a fine.