



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DOMESTIC DEPENDENT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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Dear Maxwell Air Force Base Elementary School parents:

The Alabama Virtual Library is a database that provides all students, teachers, and citizens of the State of Alabama with online access to essential library and information resources. Database resources have an advantage over regular internet websites in that they are accurate, authoritative, and safe. Among the resources appropriate for elementary school children are *Encyclopedia Britannica Online School Edition*; *Encyclopedia Juvenil*, a new Spanish-language resource; *Kids Infobits*, *Kids Search*, *Litfinder*, *Searchasaurus*, and *SIRS Discoverer*. Almanacs, encyclopedias, maps, dictionaries, image collections, and collections of literary works including poems, essays, plays, and speeches are included in these sources. Additional resources targeted to middle school-aged children are available as well. AVL services are provided by the state at no cost to Alabama residents.

We would like for every Maxwell Elementary School student in grades 2-6 to have AVL access at school. The Montgomery Public Library is both willing and able to provide AVL cards to our students if we bring them a list of student names, phone numbers, and addresses. This information will be entered into the AVL database and then returned to us with cards to distribute to the children. These cards will have usernames and passwords that can also be used at home by any member of your family. Family members who would like to have their own AVL cards may obtain them by visiting a local public library branch with proof of Alabama residency. Students will use their AVL usernames and passwords to complete assignments and projects both at school and at home.

If you do not wish for your child to be provided with an Alabama Virtual Library card, please contact Ms. Akin or Mr. Perry by Wednesday, February 13.

Sincerely,

Sandy Akin, Information Specialist

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