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The Bennett's Mill Media Center has added Play-a-ways to our media collection. Students have been enjoying using these pre-loaded, self-playing digital audio books. Play-a-ways must be checked out with the corresponding book and returned together as a set. Research shows that listening and following along with the book can increase the level of reading comprehension, encourage fluency and stimulate vocabulary development. We have found that even our best readers enjoy this format occasionally. There is an RC quiz available for most of these.

As we have increased the number and circulation of the Play-a-ways, we have realized that parents may not know the monetary value of these. Checking out a Play-a-way from the media center is an optional program that requires parental permission. Play-a-ways cost \$35-\$70 each based on the title. If a Play-a-way is lost or damaged it will be the student's/parent's responsibility to pay for it. Students may feel free to use their own earbuds or earphones or we have earbuds available for purchase for \$1.00. Purchased earbuds become the property of the student.

Please encourage your child to listen and then return the Play-a-way in one week. If additional time is needed, the student may renew the play-a-way for an additional week. An overdue charge will be assessed for any Play-a-way not returned on time. As I am sure they will be in great demand returning them promptly is important. If a battery needs to be changed in the Play-a-way please return it to the media center and let our staff replace it. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Play-a-way Permission Form

I understand that by signing this form, I take responsibility to pay for a Play-a-way should it be lost or damaged.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____