Even Though She Has Many Responsibilities, Mary Gavenda Keeps

An Open Door

"Mom" or just plain "Mary" are both names used to refer to this year's new librarian, Mrs. Mary Gavenda, but she doesn't mind. She says that being a mother has really helped in her new job. She not only copes with her own kids, but they always seem to bring a friend home with them, so coping with kids at school is a breeze. Besides the students, Mary enjoys other aspects of her job. She has vacations when her kids do, and, best of all, she lives within two miles of school. She has been a real help in the library, not only organizing library material but also listening to kids, and each and every one seems to have a problem to tell Mary. She maintains that she is happy when the kids are happy. Mary also has to record the absences and detentions. She also makes sure that all the video equipment is used properly and checked out to the right person. Even with all this, she still finds time for the kids.

FROM HER POSITION on "Mary Street," Mrs. Gavenda spends a good share of her time typing letters of absences, detention lists and book lists.



"MOTHER MARY," AS she is sometimes called, demonstrates mothering skills as she flips through a magazine with Jenny Felton, Janette Stehlik, and Ronda Cook. One of Mary's unofficial duties seems to be that of confidante and counselor.