

Third Grade Independent Reading Program

(Begins September 1st)

Every child can become a better reader if daily practice is provided. At-home reading time is required for third grade students.

- At least 20 minutes per day for at least 20 days each month is the minimum amount each child should be reading.
- Nightly reading needs to be recorded in student planners every night. Your child needs to record the title of the book and the amount of time your child read. I will train the students where and how to write this in their planner.
- Parents are asked to sign the reading logs at the end of each month.
- Reading logs are due the first of every month for a reading grade.

Reading Log rubric

A = read 20+ days

B = read 16-19 days

C = read 13-15 days

D = Incomplete- 12 and fewer days

This year, children are required to read 30 books from different genres, including but not limited to:

- Fiction: fantasy, mystery, general, picture storybooks, historical, science fiction, traditional literature
- Nonfiction: biographies, autobiographies, informational book
- Poetry

Children will use a Reading Response Journal to “talk” to me about the books they read. Children will be given the opportunity to abandon any book that is not a good fit for them at the time. Fostering the love of reading and figuring out what your child enjoys to read about is important.

Material that counts toward monthly reading: Any book your child reads at home (including those for AR tests) or in school can be counted in the 30 books. Children will be guided through the response process before they are expected to do so independently.

Battle of the Books (may be adjusted because of Covid): This is a reading motivation and comprehension challenge in which students read a selection of chapter books and compete in teams in May. A Battle of the Books information letter and book lists will be on our class-homepage in September. Battle of the Books count toward the 30 books and Reading Responses for the year.