



A.K.O.R.N. All Kinds Of Reading Night

Dear third grade parents,

This year we have decided to establish a home reading program that focuses on a variety of genres of literature. Each month we will focus on one specific genre. We hope to introduce our students to an array of literature. This diversity of choices will assist them in making appropriate book selections for their independent reading enjoyment.

Rationale

Studies have shown that when students read independently, it encourages strategic reading, increases comprehension, supports writing development, and extends experiences with a variety of written texts. Furthermore, independent reading supports writing development, develops fluency, fosters self-confidence by reading familiar and new texts, as well as promotes reading for enjoyment.

Materials

Each third grader will be given an A.K.O.R.N. folder. Each folder will contain a list of the genre of the month, a daily reading log to record the number of minutes read, a reflection page to set a reading goal, a book recommendation form, a graph to record the amount of minutes read in each month, an optional enrichment project, and A.K.O.R.N. reading rubric.

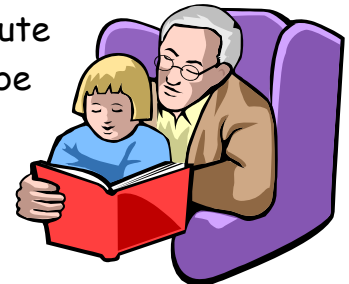
Parent and Student Partnership

The ultimate goal for each third grade student is to read a minimum of 300 minutes a month. This breaks out to a mere ten minutes a night. Students will be allowed to set their own reading minute goals with the approval of their parent and their teacher.

At the beginning of each month, your child will be required to check out one book that corresponds to the genre of the month.

After the book has been checked out and a reading minute goal has been set up with teacher and parent approval, be sure to record the book's title, author, and the amount of minutes read per night on the daily reading log.

This book will be used to write a book recommendation



that will be placed in a binder to be read by current and future third graders. In fact, your child's recommendation maybe selected to be featured on Clow School's website. After the book recommendation form is completed, your child may choose another book to read from any genre to complete the minimum of 300 minutes. Therefore, only one book has to match the genre of the month.

Evaluation

"All Kinds Of Reading" Rubric

- Read at least 300 minutes
- Read one book from selected genre
- Fill out daily reading log
- Complete a reflection to evaluate your reading goal for the month
- Shade in boxes of minutes read to create a bar graph on the How Many Minutes Did You Read This Month? sheet
- Complete a book recommendation (that contains no spelling errors, is neat and colorful)
- Turn in the folder on time (A.K.O.R.N. folders are due the last school day of the month)

Optional: Complete the enrichment project located on the back of the daily reading log. Children will be able to share the optional enrichment projects with their classmates.

Celebration

Children who achieve all of these requirements will be admitted to a reading celebration at the end of each month.

Overall, we believe that this home reading program will greatly benefit and nurture your child's continued literacy development. We greatly appreciate you and your child's time and dedication to foster independent reading habits. If you have any questions about this home reading program, feel free to contact your child's third grade teacher.

In partnership,
The Third Grade Team

