30 Book Challenge!

This year, we are challenging all 5th graders to read 30 books. We are doing this by organizing the literature into 11 Genres and giving the students a set number of books to read for each genre. Exposing our students to different authors and types of books, provides them with insight into other cultures, locations, and also extends their vocabulary. We hope that this exposure will lead our students in developing new interests and an appreciation for different authors and types of writing.

We have selected the genres, but we are leaving the book selection up to the students. By allowing choice and the freedom to pursue individual interests, we hope that this will add an element of FUN to the 30 Book Challenge. Our goal is to create a passion for reading in all our students.

We know that there are a lot of great books out there and we want our students to have the freedom to read any book that they are interested in. If they need a place to start, there are several lists of award winning books to choose from: Texas Bluebonnet, Lone Star, Newberry Awards, Caldecott, etc. Students can also ask for recommendations from teachers, classmates, & the school librarian.

In class, students will create a Reader’s Notebook. This notebook will provide a way for students to communicate their progress. In it, they will keep track of their reading, write down book recommendations from friends, and also write reflective pieces about what they are reading.

We hope that you are as excited about this challenge as we are. We know that the students are up to it and have what it takes to be successful!

Your Reading Teachers,

Ms. Kutchman & Ms. Leach

The selected genres and numbers are as follows:

*Poetry Anthologies 2*

*Traditional Literature (folktales, fairy tales, legends, fables) 2*

*Realistic Fiction 3*

*Historical Fiction 3*

*Fantasy 2*

*Science Fiction 2*

*Mystery 2*

*Informational Nonfiction 2*

*Biography/Autobiography/Memoir 3*

*Classic Novels 2*

*Graphic Novels 2*

*Free choice of CHAPTER books 5*

Total 30 Books

*(if a book is more than 350 pages, it can count as 2)*