

40 Book Challenge!

Dear Families,

Research has shown that the more a child reads, the better reader they become. Also, children who read more have larger vocabularies, expanded world knowledge, and score better on standardized tests. Therefore, this year we are challenging our 5th graders to a book challenge.

The Challenge:

Your 5th grader has been challenged to read 40 books, from a wide range of genres, by the end of the school year. 40 books may sound like a lot. However, we assure you that we have the upmost confidence that your child will experience success and ultimately grow as a reader from this. Students will be given time at school to read during homeroom, reading switch, as well as other times when they've finished their work. They are also expected to read each night as part of their reading homework. Keep in mind shared novels, along with SSYRA 2021-2022 books and the Great Book List count. This goal can certainly be reached by reading each day in class and at home.

The Goal:

The goal of this challenge is to encourage each child to read a variety of books and explore new genres. Ultimately we would love to see our students develop a love of reading.

The Rules:

- Each book must be read by your 5th grader! The book should be at their level.
- Take the AR (accelerated reader) test and pass for the book to count.
- Books must be a minimum of 50 pages. Picture books do not qualify.
- Books that are 300 pages or more count as 2 books.
- Record each book in your "40 Book Challenge" list and color in the corresponding genre box.
- Books do not need to be read in any particular order.

Accelerated Reader Info - can be accessed through the Links for Students website)

Student login = S + Student Number (no spaces, for ex: S123456)

Password = First letter of first name + First letter of last name + Student Number (no spaces, for ex: ve123456)

CAUTION - students with double last names use first last name in password

This is our 1st year implementing The 40 Book Challenge in the classroom. There will definitely be questions along the way, and we will work through this together. The idea is to set the bar high. Please do not stress about this, or have the children worry - this is NOT a grade. However, it is a way for us to encourage nightly independent reading, help students discover new genres and authors, and work towards a common goal. The tracking sheets are in their ELA folder.

Thank you so much for your support at home!

Sincerely,

5th Grade Teachers