

The Library Lowdown

Accelerated Reading Point Deadline: May 12, 2010

Many of our students use the incentive of the Accelerated Reading Field Trip as a reason to read more books and more challenging books. While opinions about the rewarding of students for their reading vary greatly, I have discovered that it is a system that works for those "middle-of-the-road" readers. Some children will read with no prompting at all—in fact, I've heard from some of you that you use the "you can't read tonight" as a form of punishment because your children enjoy it so much. Some children just haven't discovered the

pleasure to be gained from a good book yet, and it is all we can do to push them to do the minimum amount of reading required.

The AR Trip works for those students who like to read but don't always choose it as their first choice when they have free time. It gives them another reason to get those quizzes taken. Those that are trying to make the trip need to have their points in by May 12th at 3:00 pm. I have tentatively planned the AR Field Trip for May 18 and need time to make plans for the trip.

Students who have earned the trip by May 3 will vote for our trip destination. **If you can help drive or chaperone the trip on May 18, please let me know. I will send out letters with more information at a later date.**



Library Classes

This week in Upper School Library classes we will be doing a review of the Noodle Tools Bibliography and Note Card tools on the web. The Eighth grade and other classes will be working on their big research paper for the year with an integration of language arts, global studies, and library classes. If your student still has questions about the research process, I will be happy to meet with them during study hall.

Third and Fourth Grade will be digging deeper into the encyclopedia and how to use it to its fullest extent. The younger children will be sharing humorous stories as we celebrate National Humor Month. (I love to hear them giggle over a good story!)

Next week we will all be observing National Library Week!

Ozzie Reading Program: Home Base!

Our eight week Ozzie Reading Program draws to a close today. All Home Base slips should be turned in with your Tuesday Folder tomorrow. I'm excited that so many of you chose to participate! I hope the weather for our game on April 30 will be as nice as Easter Sunday was.

I'll be sending ticket forms home next week in the Tuesday Folder for you to complete as your Home Base prize. You will need to get those right back to me so I can get them to the Sounds in time for them to mail tickets to you at home if you want to sit with the St. Ann group.

All children must have an adult with them at the game—there will be no adult supervision for them. Hope to see your family there!