



August 18, 2017

Dear Parents of Third, Fourth, or Fifth Graders:

Again this year, Oasis students will be challenged to read fifteen (15) Sunshine Young Reader Award (SSYRA) books for grades 3-5. These books were nominated for 2017-2018 SSYRA by The Florida Association of Media in Education. Students must earn a score of 70% or higher on the Accelerated Reading (AR) quiz for each SSYRA title in order to receive motivational reading incentives.

As children read these books and make a 70% or higher on the AR test, they will earn a related “dog tag”. It is the student’s responsibility to inform me when they have read each book to receive the tags and prizes by completing the SSYRA Charm Request Form and must include their teacher’s signature. Again this year, Oasis Elementary will be sending a team to the Lee County Battle of the Books in May.

Children who read three (3) SSYRA books will be eligible to vote for their favorite SSYRA book in the statewide election that will be held at our school on Friday, April 13, 2018. As students reach a milestone of reading 3, 5, 10 and 15 books, I will recognize this accomplishment by announcement on the morning news. Students will earn prizes for reading 5, 10, and 15 SSYRA books in addition to the charms. Children who read all 15 books will earn a Day as the Librarian, a READ poster containing their picture and a seat on the *Oasis Battle of the Books Competition*. During the Battle, children will work with their team vying for points by answering multiple choice questions about information found within the books. The battle is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the Cape Coral Yacht Club. All reading for this incentive program **must be completed by Thursday, March 15, 2018, by 4:00 p.m. Dog Tags will continue to be given for reading until supply is depleted or May 18, 2018.**

Many elementary schools across Florida participate in reading these 15 titles. The program is designed to encourage students to read challenging, contemporary literature from a variety of genres for their own personal enjoyment. Students will be permitted to read and take the quiz on books outside of their designated AR level. The reading levels for these books range from 3.9 to 5.6. With the more challenging books, consider reading them together with your child and stopping periodically to check for understanding of ideas and vocabulary.

The 2017-2018 titles are listed below. These books are available in the Oasis Library and on the SSYRA shelf at the public library. All of these books are available as eBooks through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Lee County Public Library.

Please encourage and challenge your child to read the 15 SSYRA books and accomplish something great!

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“If a child is going to grow into a truly special adult – someone who thinks, considers other points of view, has an open mind, and possesses the ability to discuss great ideas with other people – a love of reading is an essential foundation.” *Teach Like Your Hair’s on Fire* by Rafe Esquith

Oasis Elementary Reading List for Our Reading Incentive Program
Master List of Titles 2017-2018
Grades 3-5

Allie, First at Last Angela Cervantes

Castle Hangnail Ursula Vernon

A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans Laurence Yep and Joanna Ryder

Framed! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery James Ponti

The Hero Two Doors Down Sharon Robinson

Maxi's Secrets: Or What You Can Learn From a Dog Lynn Plourde

My Brother is a Superhero David Solomons

Night of the Living Worms Dave Coverly

Pugs of Frozen North Philip Reeve and Sarah McInTyre

Save Me a Seat Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Teddy Mars: Almost a World Record Breaker Molly Burnham

The Vanishing Coin Kate Egan with Mike Lane

A Whole New Ballgame Phil Bildner

The Wild Robot Peter Brown

Willy Maykit in Space Greg Trine