



Dear Parents of a Kindergartner, First and Second Grader,

## **SSYRA Jr. Reading Incentive Program**

Each year Oasis Elementary and other elementary schools across the state participate in the reading of the fifteen Florida nominated books. Students in grades K-2 are encouraged to read these books. This can be accomplished at school, at home, but preferably with a family member to insure comprehension. After reading the books, the student will take a computerized test known as an “AR” at school. The AR provides an indication that the child understood what was read. The student must score a 70% or higher with 85% accuracy. The student’s teacher will record the passing test score on their individual SSYRA Jr. reading log that is maintained in the classroom. When the student reaches a milestone of reading 3, 6, 10, and 15 books, the teacher will send the reading log to the library, and in turn a reward will be issued. After each milestone is achieved, the student’s name will be announced on our morning news.

This year to increase standards and continually challenge our students, they must read **at least 6** SSYRA Jr. books to earn an invitation to the SSYRA Jr. Election Party. Students who read all fifteen books will earn a seat on one of the SSYRA Jr. Battle of the Books teams. This is a friendly competition among teams of students answering questions about the information found within the books.

Program deadline for reading, testing, and turning in your final SSYRA Jr. Reading Log is March 14, 2019.

### **2018-2019 SSYRA Jr. Book List**

*I am Not a Chair*, by Ross Burach

*Prince Ribbit*, by Jonathan Emmet

*Jabari Jumps*, by Gaia Cornwell

*The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*, by Drew Daywalt

*You Don’t Want a Unicorn!*, by Ame Dyckman

*Be Quiet!*, by Ryan T. Higgins

*Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna, the Very First Chicken*, by Douglas Rees

*Nerdy Birdy Tweets*, by Aaron Reynolds

*After the Fall*, by Dan Santat

*Escargot*, by Dashka

### **The Beginning Chapter Books**

*Noodleheads See the Future*, by Tedd Arnold, Mitch Weiss and Martha Hamilton

*CatStronauts: Mission Moon*, by Drew Brockington

*The Last Firehawk: The Ember Stone*, by Katrina Charman

*\*Hilde Cracks the Case: Hero Dog!*, by Hilde Lysiak

*Fergus and Zeke*, by Kate Messner

\*(This will be our One School One Books title for students in grades K-2)

The time you spend creating an enjoyable experience in which children can practice skills and strategies they have learned in school is important. When your child brings a book home, you may decide if it is something you will read to your child, with your child, or that can be read alone by your child.

Mrs. R. Gamboa – Teacher Librarian