

## **READING FOR FUN!**

### **SSR (Sustained Silent Reading)**

- One of the best ways to improve your reading skills and to develop the joy of reading is to practice! Like any skill, the more you use it, the more proficient you become.
- Choose a book that interests you, perhaps one that you have heard about, or that someone else has enjoyed. **OBVIOUSLY**, choose one you have not read before. Your book must be at least 200 pages long and must be appropriate for your age level.
- The idea of the project is to enjoy the time you spend reading. Make the choice carefully. Don't just pick a book because you are required to have one. Talk to a friend or relative, or a teacher whose class or subject you enjoy. Ask for suggestions. If you don't like the book you pick, choose another.
- **EVERY MONDAY IS "Reading Day."** It's a no-stress, comfortable way to start the week. You will have at least 45 minutes each Reading Day for SSR. SSR will **begin on Monday, August 30 and will continue for four weeks**. If we must change the SSR day, I will let you know ahead of time. I will also post SSR dates on the website and in PB.
  - Remember that it is your responsibility to have a book to read on every Monday. If you finish one book, get a new one. If you forget your book, pick one up from the bookcase **before** the bell rings. If the bell has rung and you do not have a book to read, I will mark down that you are without materials. The third time you are without materials in class, you will be assigned detention.
- Sustained Silent Reading (SSR) means reading the entire time, means being silent the entire time. You will earn 5 points per SSR. You will lose points if you are not reading when I check the classroom. You will also lose points for
  - Not reading when the bell rings
  - Getting a book from the bookshelf after class has begun
  - Talking
  - Digging through your bag, purse, folders, etc.
  - Sleeping or sitting with your head down
  - Working on another assignment
  - Doing nothing
  - Anything that distracts others
  - Being out of your seat, at my desk, etc.
- 5 extra credit points will be available to those who volunteer to talk about their reading experiences when time is left at the end of class (when we don't have other business.) I will post a general question on the board each Monday. Feel free to talk about what you are reading.
- Our last SSR day this quarter is Monday, September 20.