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*Our children,
our hope,
our future*

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Dear Parents & Students,

Welcome back to another great year in the OPS library! Sixth grade students have the opportunity to participate in a reading enrichment program called Newbery Scholars. The Newbery Medal is an award given annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. Students will be reading books chosen from a selected list of Newbery Award and Newbery Honor books. After reading a book, they must successfully complete a short online quiz about the book.

Each book is worth a different number of points. In order to become a Newbery Scholar, the student must earn 75 points. All Newbery Scholars will receive certificates of achievement and their names will be added to the Newbery plaque, which is on display outside of the library. The students who become Newbery Scholars in fourth, fifth, and sixth grade will receive an award in June of their graduation year.

The Newbery Scholars program is intended to introduce students to a wide variety of children's literature and to develop literature skills and understanding. Although participation in the program is voluntary, I hope that you will encourage your child to take part. In order to reach 75 points, students are encouraged to work steadily over the school year, rather than try to catch up with points during the last month of school. The program will begin on Monday, September 21, 2020 and will tentatively end on Friday, June 11, 2021.

A list of the Newbery Award and Newbery Honor books that are included in this year's program can be found on the OPS library website.

Usually, students only take the quizzes in the OPS library but this year they can only take quizzes online via our OPS website.

To access the Reading Counts Newbery Club program please click on this link:

<https://opslibrarymediacenter.weebly.com/reading-counts.html>

When you reach the Reading Counts page on the OPS Library Media Center website please follow these steps:

1. **Click on the "Reading Counts" button** towards the bottom of the page. The button should be in color. If the button isn't in color then you cannot take a quiz at that time.
2. After clicking the button the log-in page that you are familiar with from school should open.
3. Log in using your **first name (space) last name** just like in school - password is **123456**
4. **Click "Take A Quiz" to locate the book you want to take a quiz on.** If you are searching for a book with a long title, please try using keywords from the title to locate it.
5. Remember to **click on "EXIT" when you are done.**
6. **Email Ms. Santangelo to let her know which book you took a quiz on:** santangelol@oradellschool.org

RULES:

1. The Reading Counts website is **only accessible Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm.** So you may only take quizzes on those days and during those times.
2. The same rules apply for taking quizzes online as they do when you take them in the library. **You may only take up to 2 quizzes on 2 different books per day, and if you do not pass a quiz you must wait at least 24 hours before attempting to retake the quiz.**
3. **We are operating this on an honor system,** which means that we are trusting you to take these quizzes without the benefit of looking in the book or searching for answers on the internet. Please try to honor our trust by following this rule.
4. **When you have completed a quiz, please email Ms. Santangelo** at santangelol@oradellschool.org to let her know what book you took a quiz on. She will be compiling your points for consideration towards having your name placed on the Newbery Club plaque next year.
5. **No physical prizes (buttons, posters, certificates) will be distributed this year,** but we will try to get them to you next year if you are interested.

If you are looking for the Newbery lists for your grade level they can be found on the homepage of the [OPS Library Media Center website](#) (please scroll down on the page to find the lists).

If you are looking for eBook copies of Newbery books we recommend either using your library card to check them out from [eBCCLS](#) (you will need to download [Libby](#)), check

on [Tumblebooks](#) (login: oradell - password: 07649) or you can purchase them from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, etc.

We are excited to be able to offer this program to you during remote learning. If you have any questions or need any help please feel free to reach out to myself or [Mrs. Santangelo](#) for assistance.

Happy reading!

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