

Oradell Public School District

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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! Third grade students have the opportunity to participate in the Bookworm Club, a reading enrichment program that is intended to introduce third graders to a wide variety of fine children's literature. With the guidance of their teacher and the media specialist, students will choose a book from a list that has been selected for the program. The third grade book list can be found on the OPS library website.

The Bookworm program will run until June and the names of those students who have earned 70 points over the course of the year will be inscribed on a plaque that is displayed outside the library. Students earn points when they pass a quiz for a book. Each book is worth a different number of points, as indicated on the book list. Students are encouraged to keep reading by earning prizes at various point levels.

The reading level of the books range from first to sixth grade, so students at all reading levels can participate comfortably in the program. Although participation in the program is voluntary, I hope that you will encourage your child to take part. Students who intend to reach 70 points should be encouraged to work steadily over the school year, rather than try to catch up during the last few weeks of the program. The program will begin on Monday, September 21, 2020 and will tentatively end on Friday, June 11, 2021.

Typically, students may only take Bookworm quizzes in the OPS library, but this year the quizzes will be administered online only via our OPS website.

To access the Reading Counts Bookworm program please click on this link (please note that students should not use this link to take quizzes before Monday, September 21st): 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. For instance, if you are looking for "A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman" try searching for just the two words "picture book").
- 5. Remember to click on "EXIT" when you are done.
- 6. When you are done, please 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 when school is in session.
- 2. Here are the rules for taking quizzes online. 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 that 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 santangelo@oradellschoool.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 Bookworm plaque next year.
- 5. No physical prizes (buttons, bookmarks, 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 Bookworm lists they can be found on the homepage of the OPS Library Media Center website or by <u>clicking on this link</u>.

If you are looking for eBook copies of Bookworm books we recommend either using your library card to check them out from <u>eBCCLS</u> (you will need to download <u>Libby</u>) or you can purchase them from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, etc.

We are excited to be able to offer this program to you this school year. 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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