

March is Reading Month (MIRM) 2017 Teacher Information **“Hollywood.... Roll out the red carpet and READ!”**

Listed below are numerous activities that we are incorporating to encourage students to read during the month of March. This year, we are having one recording sheet for all students to fill out. We are simply encouraging the love of reading!

Lisa Smalley and Carrie Solak are co-chairs of this committee should you have any questions. Also, the person's name that is in charge of each activity is typed after the activity should you have specific questions.

Monday, February 27th - An informational letter will be sent home to families explaining activities for March is Reading Month. (Lisa) Along with the letter is a monthly calendar summarizing the monthly activities. (Megan)

March is Reading Month Bulletin Board (Lisa) Across from the office.

March is Reading Month Hall Display (Erin and Katie)

STAR Recording Sheet – Every student will be given a recording sheet with different reading ideas. They will complete the different activities during the month of March at home and return it to school on March 31st. (Cristina)

STAR Die-Cut - Every student will be given a Star cutout to be placed outside each classroom. Every time a student participates in something for MIRM, for example, the book exchange, a weekly activity, bingo for books, and so on, the classroom teacher will give them a sticker for their “Hollywood” Star. (Erin and Katie)

KICK OFF ACTIVITIES: March 1st – Hollywood theme introduction on Broadcast by Steve, Book Raffles, and Door Decorating Contest begins. (Steve, Carrie, and Brian)

Broadcast Announcements – Daily Announcements to encourage student reading and remind about upcoming activities. (Todd, Melissa, and Stella)

Raffle Box – Book Winners – Carrie will create a book display in the computer lab and announce book winners throughout the month. (Carrie)

Decorate Classroom Door - Please have your students decorate your classroom door to represent our Hollywood reading theme or a book that is also a movie. The winning rooms will be announced on Monday, March 20th. There will be a popcorn/movie prize for 1 lower and 1 upper elementary class. (Brian)

Student Book Exchange – Students bring books in during their Media time during 2/27-3/10. – The exchange will take place during Media time on 3/13-3/17. (Colleen)

“I Was Caught Reading Display” There will be a display on Steve’s blog. If parents “catch” their student reading, they can share a photo with Steve and he will put it on his blog. (Steve)

Guest Readers – If interested, let Colleen know, and she will try to arrange a guest reader for your room. (Colleen)

Teacher Reading Swap – Sign up with Lisa to “swap” with a teacher and read to another class while someone reads to your class. You can sign-up multiple times. (Lisa)

Every Tuesday and Thursday, from 8:45-9:10 School-wide DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30. Silent reading for all. (Lisa)

Bingo for Books - Thursday, March 9th – (Melissa)

Fun-Friday Reading Activities (Nickie)

March 3rd – **“I’m a Star”** - Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character or book character.

March 10th – **“BRIGHT Lights”** - Bring a flashlight and your favorite book to school.

March 17th – **“Amazing Audience”** – Bring your favorite stuffed animal to read.

March 24th – **“DISNEY Day”** – Wear your Disney gear and bring a Disney or fairy tale book.

Penny Wars – Monday – Friday, March 13th - 17th - 8:35-8:50 – All proceeds will help provide books to our classrooms. (Mrs. Manson and Rachel)

Author Visit – March 16th – Author Christine Bak will have a K-2 and a 3-5 assembly. Students will have the opportunity to purchase her books and she will sign them. (Rachel)

Unplugged Night, Wednesday, March 22nd - We are encouraging students to turn off the TV and turn on their reading. (Katie)

ARNO Read-In - Wednesday, March 29th - Kids wear their pajamas and bring in their favorite books/magazines.

Culminating Movie - Friday, March 31st - Plans are still in progress. We will be going to the AP Auditorium to watch a movie. (Carrie)

Happy Reading! Thank you for helping make this month a great success! We hope that our students have a great month of reading! Please let me know if you have any questions.