

**We are pleased to introduce our Library programs for the 2017-2018 school year.**

### **Weekly Library Lessons**

Students in PreK through fifth grade attend weekly library lessons. Sixth and seventh grade students come in for reading time and flex time to check out books at their leisure. Each student is encouraged to check out a variety of genres and levels. Students may check out one book at a time. If they do not return the book they will be given a second book, as the goal is to keep them reading. The limit will be two books per student. You will receive a notice when your child has not returned two books and is therefore ineligible for further check-out.

### **Florida Reading Association (FRA)**

Students in prekindergarten through second grade will participate in a State-wide reading program and be given the opportunity to vote on their favorite picture books with schools from forty-one Florida counties. This program is designed to make our youngest students critical readers and instill a love of quality literature. Students will chart and graph voting results.

### **Global Read Aloud (GRA)**

The GRA project was created in 2010 with a simple goal in mind; one book to connect the world. GRA has grown to make a truly global connection with more than 2,000,000 students having participated. We participated last year with a school in New Hampshire and this year our goal is to connect with two schools. I look forward to sharing our experience with you.

### **[Books for 2017-2018 GRA](#)**

### **Reading Counts**

Students in second grade through seventh grade are encouraged to participate in our reading program, *Reading Counts!* This program can be monitored by you, your student, and your student's teacher along with the librarian. This online database motivates and provides important feedback to ensure reading comprehension. Ribbons are awarded for points in increments of 25. The highest level participants in each grade are recognized at the end of the year. Each month, readers who have completed three quizzes and passed with a score of 70 or above are eligible for a reader's party. Activities vary.

Login for Reading Counts can be found on our Library Services page located on the Farragut website. To reach this page, use the Academic tab, the Student Center tab, then Library Services. Login is your student's first and last name all lowercase all one word. The password is 1stquiz.

## Sunshine State Readers

Students in third grade through seventh grade are eligible to participate in the Sunshine State Young Readers' Award program (SSYRA). The purpose of the SSYRA Program is to encourage students to read independently for pleasure and to read books that are on, above, and below their reading level in order to improve their reading fluency. Sunshine State books are selected for their wide appeal, literary value, varied genres, curriculum connections, and/or multicultural representation. This year, students in third through fifth grade will receive a necklace to collect dog tags for each Sunshine State book they read and for which they complete the *Reading Counts!* quiz. Teams will compete in the Battle of the Books competition in May - more information will be provided.

## Book Recommendations

Students are encouraged to become literary critics and review the books they are reading. Each week a student book recommendation will be read on the news and the winning writer will be awarded a prize.

## Middle School

Sixth and seventh grade students will be awarded prizes and have events scheduled for them for reading challenges which include the ten book challenge, genre challenge, and *Reading Counts!*

## Extracurricular

We now film our morning show, *The Daily, Daily*, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 to 8:00 am. Students who are interested in being a newscaster, writer, or an on-location reporter need to fill out an application. Applications are located in the lower school office and the Student Center.

The Student Center is open from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 7:30 am to 4:30 pm on Friday for book check-out. Parents must accompany their child to receive more than two books.

Wishing you a wonderful school year filled with reading fun!  
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