



Important Information

SSYRA Reading Program



August 10, 2023

Dear Parents of Third, Fourth, or Fifth Graders:

Again this year, Oasis students will be challenged to read the fifteen (15) Sunshine Young Reader Award (SSYRA) books for grades 3-5. These books were nominated by The Florida Association of Media in Education. After reading each book, the student will take the corresponding accelerated reading (AR) quiz. They must score 70% or higher with 85% accuracy overall in order to receive the related “brag tag”.

It is the student’s responsibility to inform me when they have reached a milestone of reading 3, 8, 12, and 15 by completing the SSYRA Reading Reward Card which must include their teacher’s initials, then they will receive the brag tag and additional prizes. Every student will receive a recording card.

Students who read **eight (8)** SSYRA books will be eligible to vote for their favorite SSYRA book in the statewide election that will be held in April. Children who read all 15 books and earn a **READ poster** containing their picture, which will be displayed in the library, and qualify to take a test to earn a **seat** on the Lee County Book Battle. The six highest scoring students will be our contestants and represent Oasis Elementary South at Lee County Book Battle. Date of the battle will be announced later. The **deadline to read these books is March 31, 2023, to earn a poster and sit for the test.** The six contestants will prepare for the county battle under the direction of a coach.

Students can continue to read these books after the deadline and still receive brag tags until May 4, 2023, or until supplies are depleted.

Many elementary schools across Florida participate in reading these 15 titles. The program is designed to encourage students to read challenging, contemporary literature from a variety of genres for their own personal enjoyment. Students will be permitted to read and take the quiz on books outside of their designated AR level. The reading levels for these books range from 3.0 to 5.3. With the more challenging books, consider reading them together with your child and stopping periodically to check for understanding of ideas and vocabulary.

The 2022-2023 titles are attached. These books are available at the Oasis Library and our Digital Library - **Sora** - <https://soraapp.com/library/oesfl> or [download the Sora app](#) and searching for your school, Oasis Elementary South. Students will use their school Google email and password to access this collection. Books can also be found at the public library and bookstores.

Please encourage and challenge your child to read the 15 SSYRA books and accomplish something GREAT!

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“If a child is going to grow into a truly special adult – someone who thinks, considers other points of view, has an open mind, and possesses the ability to discuss great ideas with other people – a love of reading is an essential foundation.” *Teach Like Your Hair’s on Fire* by Rafe Esquith