

Dear Parents of a Kindergartener, First Grader, and Second,

Reading Rainbow Bingo Reading Incentive Program



Please allow your child to experience this reading incentive program.

What is Reading Bingo?

Reading Bingo is an optional reading incentive program designed to motivate and reward students for reading a variety of books. It is a program designed for parent/guardian and student to explore books; from the public library, your home library, and from the school library. It is extremely important for students to read with their parents/guardian and **not in isolation**. Please use this time to develop a reading routine and make sure they comprehend the material read. Students will not receive a grade for participating, and participation is not required.

How does it work?

Early in the school year, students will be given their first Reading Bingo card (red) which includes different categories listed. Each time the student reads a book, the title of the book is to be written on the card in the appropriate space for the category. When the entire card is filled out, a parent/guardian must sign the bottom. The student will bring the completed card to the library during Specials, to spin the prize wheel and to receive the next card (orange) and so on. Every time, a student is given the next card, a return date will be added. The completed card will be accepted after the 3-week assigned date. There is no deadline date for returning, merely it cannot be returned before the date noted on the card. Completed cards will be kept in a binder in the library. The cards are color coded and given in order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. After completing the purple card the student will receive an invitation to the Party for the Purple People which will be held during the 4th Quarter.

Why are there specific reading categories on the card?

Reading categories serves two purposes: it encourages students and families to use the library catalog to find different kinds of books and it encourages students and families to read books about a wide variety of topics. Note, several boxes are open on each card for reading the 2019-2020 SSYRA Jr. books – another reading program. Information about reading these states nominated books is forthcoming as there is another reading incentive program sponsored by the library.

Other important information

- The books may be read in any order on the card and any titles that fit the categories. The books may come from any source (OES library, public library, book fair, classroom, friends, home, etc.).
- The cards should be signed only when they are completely filled out and before they are turned in to the library. Please do not sign cards until all the spaces are filled.
- Each grade will have different book categories on their Bingo cards. There are six card levels (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple) for each grade. You may not skip levels.
- Any book read **by** or **to** the student between August 16, 2019 and April 30, 2020 may count.
- The program ends on Friday, May 1. Cards will **not be** accepted after May 1.
- The card must be completely full and contain a parent or guardian's signature before returning to Mrs. Gamboa during the student's Library Class. Partially completed or unsigned cards will not be accepted.
- The student will be given a new card (color-coded for the next level) after each card is returned to the library and the child has spun the prize wheel.
- Each book counts only once. You may not repeat the same book on any cards.

Thank you for enhancing your child's reading by exploring books! Mrs. R. Gamboa, Teacher Librarian