



Dear Parent of a Kindergartner, First Grader or Second Grader:

Students are invited to participate in this optional Reading Incentive Program sponsored by the OES Library – the SSYRA Jr. (Sunshine State Young Readers Award Jr.) The goal is to promote a reading routine and develop their vocabulary while becoming a fluent and confident reader.

Each time your child reads one of these 15 state nominated books, takes the AR test earning 70% or higher, they will earn a brag tag, representing each book (K parents will email the teacher when the student reads the book with comprehension until they start taking AR tests). Families are encouraged to read with the student.

It is the responsibility of all students to advise the classroom teacher after taking each test so they can update their SSYRA Jr. record card. The card will be sent to the library for fulfillment which can take up to 10 days. By reading at least 8 books, the student will be eligible to vote in our SSYRA Jr. Election that will be held in April.

The 2022-2023 Sunshine State Young Readers Award Junior Books

Picture Books:

The Electric Slide and Kai written by Kelly Baptist Illustrated by Darnell Johnson

Invasion of the Unicorns written and illustrated by David Biedrzycki

The Littlest Yak written by Lu Fraser and illustrated by Kate Hindley

Ten Beautiful Things written by Molly Beth Griffin illustrated by Maribel Lechuga

What if, Pig? written and illustrated by Linzie Hunter

Chester Van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme written by Avery Monson Illustrated by Abby Hanlon

The Sneaking, Hiding, Vibrating Creature by Nathan W. Pyle

Chez Bob written and illustrated by Bob Shea

Mel Fell written and illustrated by Corey R. Tabor

Someone Builds the Dream written by Lisa Wheeler illustrated by Loren Long

Independent Readers:

Cranky Chicken written and illustrated by Katherine Battersby

Mad about Meatloaf written by Maureen Fergus illustrated by Alexandra Bye

Ivy Lost and Found written by Cynthia Lord Illustrated by Stephanie Graegin

Missed Meal Mayhem by Jarrett Lerner

The Middle Kid by Steven Weinberg