

# WELCOME TO THE 30 BOOK CHALLENGE!

During your 4th grade year, you will read at least 30 books from a range of genres. This may seem like a big number, but DON'T WORRY! You will be surprised at how easy it will actually be to read 30 books.

This challenge is designed to expand your reading comfort zone and encourage you to explore new genres. My hope is that it will OPEN YOUR EYES to a wide variety of literary genres and will grow within you an appreciation, if not a LOVE, for reading!

This challenge is NOT a race! Remember we ALL read at different rates, and we all will be reading different books, so PLEASE work to ENCOURAGE your classmates!

Be sure to use our guidelines for choosing a book that is JUST RIGHT for YOU!

## THE EXPECTATIONS:

- Each book must be read by YOU!
- If you read to a younger sibling ~ 5 picture books = 1 book (This can only be done twice for a total of 2 books.)
- Books that are 300 pages or longer can count as 2 books
- Record each book on the 30 BOOK CHALLENGE record sheet
- Books should meet the genre requirements but do not need to be read in any specific order

## GENRE REQUIREMENTS:

Poetry - 2

Realistic Fiction - 6

Historical Fiction - 2

Science Fiction/Fantasy - 2

Mystery - 3

Informational Nonfiction - 2

Biography/Autobiography - 2

Genre of Choice - 11

TOTAL = 30

CHALLENGE INFORMATION: The challenge will run from September 4, 2018 to May 31, 2019. This is a BIG goal, but it is a goal that I know everyone is capable of reaching! I will work with you individually to ensure that you find books that interest you, to track your progress, to discuss concerns, and to offer ENCOURAGEMENT! During one-on-one conference time, I may ask you questions about what book you are reading and what you are enjoying about reading it.

## NOTE TO PARENT/GUARDIAN:

I was inspired to begin this challenge with my students after reading *The Book Whisperer* by Donalyn Miller. Ms. Miller's book reveals strategies and secrets to help turn every student into a vibrant reader! The goal of the 30 BOOK CHALLENGE is to encourage each child to read, expose students to a variety of books and genres so that they can explore books they might not ordinarily read, and develop within them an understanding of the literary elements, text features, and text structures of most books. I believe that, without the chore of having to complete and record a nightly reading log, children tend to be more excited about reading!! I also encourage my students to read WITH a family member at least twice a week!

I will be joining my class this year in the 30 BOOK CHALLENGE. Feel free to JOIN US as well!!

