

The 30 Book Challenge!

The CHALLENGE:

Throughout the course of the school year you will be reading **30** books. Yep, you read it right...**30**! Right now that may seem like a big number, but don't worry! You'll be surprised at how easy it actually is to read them all. The 30 Book Challenge is going to open your eyes to a wide variety of literary genres and will hopefully foster within you an appreciation, if not a love, for reading. On the back of this page, you will find information on everything you will need to complete the 30 Book Challenge. The most important thing is to choose books that *interest you*. You will have some time in class to read, and may find time to read in other classes like social studies or science, so **ALWAYS** have your book with you!

This is a BIG challenge that will be an amazing accomplishment at the end of the year! YOU CAN DO IT!!!!

Good Luck and Happy Reading!

Mrs. Clark

Information for the Challenge

The 30 Book challenge starts in September and runs through May. This is a BIG goal, and the bar it set very high, but it is a goal that I know everyone is capable of reaching! I will be working with you individually to ensure that you find books in which you are interested, to track your progress, and to offer encouragement. Below, please find more information about the challenge!

- The Challenge is completed on the *honor system*. So, as you complete each book, you will come and tell me and I will sign off for you on your 30 Book Challenge Reading Log. Thank you for being HONEST! There will be **NO** tests or writing assignments that need to be completed after reading a book (unless it is a book that you are reading for class assignment, too). So, while I may ask you about the book and what you enjoyed the most about reading it, I am TRUSTING you to report to me only what you have READ. This challenge is about READING for ENJOYMENT.
- You will be able to choose the books that you *want* to read and that look interesting to you. However, you will notice that on the 30 Book Challenge Reading Log, I have included genres from which you will need to choose the books. I am a firm believer that finding the RIGHT book is essential for enjoying and completing the reading. Take the time to talk to your school librarian, your local community librarian, your family or friends, or me to find books that interest you!
- Please be sure to choose books at your level.
- The Challenge is *not* a race. Remember, we ALL read at different rates, and we will be reading different books, so please work to ENCOURAGE your classmates.
- As the year progresses, we will celebrate reaching what we will call our challenge “Milestones.” These milestones are 10-, 20-, and 30- books read. Remember, we have the WHOLE year to complete the challenge. So, please do not focus on reading quickly just to “finish,” but concentrate on enjoying the books you read and the entire process. It is my hope that we stick to an **approximate** schedule for meeting our goals:
 - End of November: 10-book Milestone
 - End of February: 20-book Milestone
 - End of May: 30-book Milestone

- The books that count for the challenge are the books that you read **INDEPENDENTLY**. You may read various books in class in guided reading lessons. However, the books that are completed *together* with the teacher will NOT count. Still, you will have **plenty** of time built in to your daily reading schedule to do INDEPENDENT reading. Plus, you may read at home! (Please note: while we will refer to the 30 Book Challenge books as INDEPENDENT reading, you may still enjoy reading the book with a parent or other family member at home. Books read completely TO you will NOT be counted – you must complete most the reading yourself).
- Books that are longer than 200 pages may be considered as two books for that genre (if a book is close to 200 pages, please see me).
- Remember to have fun!
- Get Ready! Get Set! Read!