

# 40 Book Challenge!



I am challenging your child to read 40 books by the end of the school year. I know they can do it!!

Students will have reading time in class and are expected to read each night for 25 minutes. While I know that reading 40 books is a big expectation, this goal can be reached and surpassed easily if students are reading every day in class and at home.

## Why?

The purpose of this challenge is to get students reading different types of books, to instill a love for reading, and to create a community of learners! Students will choose what they read, which will help them stay interested and focused. Research has proven that reading voraciously from a variety of genres is the best way to learn, increase vocabulary, and improve ourselves as readers.

## How does it work?

Students will have a requirement for how many books in each genre they read. Students must read the following types: 5 realistic fiction, 3 fantasy, 4 informational, 3 history/biography, 3 poetry, 3 mystery/adventure, 1 picture book, 5 books recommended by a classmate, and 13 chapter books (of their choice). We will be learning about each genre at the beginning of the year.

\*\*\*Any books over 250 pages will count as 2 books.

## How will we keep track?

Students will have a personal [book log](#) in their reading notebooks. Sometimes it can be hard finding a book that you are interested in, so we will share what we are reading through our classroom blog. Students may choose to post a book commercial or just write a review! Although students are not being graded on reaching the 40 book challenge, it is non-negotiable. Students will feel empowered when they have reached their goal!