SSR Program

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Various studies have shown that reading on a regular basis not only broadens readers’ knowledge, but also improves their vocabularies and enhances their writing skills. Because I want you to reap those same benefits and to know the rewards of reading, you will participate in the Sustained Silent Reading Program with “outside reading” each nine weeks. Following is a description of the SSR Program. Need ideas on what to read? See the attached list of “100 books to read”.

**Requirements:**

1. Students should bring an SSR novel to class every day. Some days there will be time during the period to read, and each Friday students will be given an extended period of time for reading. (See #3).
2. Students will read and orally report on SSR/outside reading each nine weeks as part of English class. Grades will be determined by the attached rubric. This rubric shows number of pages read and corresponding grades.
3. Readings must be in book form, not magazines, newspapers, brochures, etc. Students may NOT read joke books, encyclopedias, textbooks, (even if they’re for another class), or reference books for credit toward the required number of pages, but they may be read for pleasure. Books of poetry or books like *Glass* or *Crank* by Hopkins will be given credit for ¼ the total number of pages. For example, if the book is 400 pages, students will be given credit for 100 pages. **If there is any question as to whether or not a book is acceptable, the student should check with the teacher before reading the book.**
4. If the entire book is not read, students will be given credit for the number of pages of the book they did read.
5. Students must have their books in their possession when they discuss them with the teacher. **In order to discuss a novel, the student must have brought that novel to class on an SSR day at least twice.** These discussions may be done any time during a nine week period (before school, after school, during lunch or break (with an appointment), or during class on SSR days). It is imperative that students schedule appointments in advance for book talks! Because students know that they have numerous opportunities to do this assignment, ***there will be no excuses for not having it done by the end of a nine week period.*** Obviously there will not be time for all students to do their “book talks” on the last day of a nine week period, so students are urged to do the assignment as soon as they have finished their reading or at least done a major portion of it.
6. **The SSR “book talk” will count as 40 points each nine weeks.**

Other specifics:

A. Excess pages read (over and above 350 pages) will be carried over to the next nine weeks. **However, even when students have finished 350 pages, they still need to do SSR reading every Friday.**

1. Reading can be from more than one book if necessary to accumulate the required number of pages each nine weeks.
2. Students may NOT report on books they have read for previous English classes. All the teachers have records of your previous book talks, so no funny business! Doing a book talk you have already done will be considered plagiarism and be given a referral to administration as such.
3. Outside reading for another class (history, science, etc.) is acceptable for the reading report as long as the material does not fall into one of the “exception” categories (which means no textbooks!).
4. If students hate a book after 25-30 pages, they should present the book to the teacher, report on those 25-30 pages to get credit for them, and then go on to another book.
5. ***In addition to the SSR quiz grade each nine weeks, the student will receive a daily grade each SSR day***. The daily grade will be based on whether or not the student brings an appropriate book to class that day, and whether or not he/she reads for the entire allotted time. A student who does not bring a book to class on an SSR day will not receive a passing grade for that day. If a student forgets a book, they can still receive 3/5 points if they select a book from Ms. Lagomarsino’s collection and read productively during SSR.
6. ***If a student chooses to read a novel that has been turned into a movie, an additional assignment is required.*** For these novels, students will need to write a one page (double spaced) comparative essay about the specific similarities and differences between the two mediums. In the essay students should include when and where they watched the film, and which medium they prefer and why.

**SSR RUBRIC**

* Remember you only get credit for the number of pages you report to Ms. Lagomarsino
* You can report as many times as you need to during each six-week grading period in order to reach your 350 pages.

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| # of pages | Grade |
|  0 |  0 |
|  1-9 |  1 |
|  10-19 |  2 |
|  20-29 |  3 |
| 30-39 |  4 |
| 40-49 |  5 |
| 50-59 |  6 |
| 60-64 |  7 |
| 65-69 |  8 |
| 70-74 |  9 |
| 75 -79 | 10 |
| 80-84 | 11 |
| 85-89 |  12 |
| 90-94 |  13 |
| 95-99 |  14 |
| 100-109 |  15 |
| 110-119 |  16 |
| 120-129 | 17 |
| 130-139 | 18 |
| 140-149 | 19 |
| 150-159 | 20 |
| 160-169 | 21 |
| 170-179 | 22 |
| 180-189 | 23 |
| 190-199 | 24 |
| 200-209 | 25 |
| 210-219 | 26 |
| 220-229 | 27 |
| 230-239 | 28 |
| 240-249 | 29 |
| 250-259  | 30 |
| 260-269 | 31 |
| 270-279 | 32 |
| 280-289 | 33 |
| 290-299 | 34 |
| 300-309 | 35 |
| 310-319 | 36 |
| 320-329 | 37 |
| 330-339 | 38 |
| 340-349 | 39 |
| 350+ | 40 |