

Reading Counts!

Dear Parent,

We will be using the "Reading Counts!" Program in third grade. If you are not already familiar with this program, it is an independent reading incentive program. The goal of the program is to encourage independent reading. Independent reading fosters better reading comprehension and self confidence.

The "Reading Counts" Program is easy to use. The student reads a book from the "Reading Counts" quiz list, then takes a 10 question quiz on the computer. Seven questions must be correct in order to pass.

If the student did not pass, they are encouraged to reread the book and try the quiz again the next day. It will not be the same quiz. A student has three chances to pass a quiz. If the student does not pass the quiz after the third try that quiz cannot be taken again and no points are awarded.

When a student does pass a quiz, points are awarded based upon the vocabulary, the length, and the difficulty of the book. Most third graders are reading between 2 and 4 point books.

The students have taken a Student Reading Inventory test that will help them to choose books that are not too easy or too challenging, but "just right". The assessment assigns a lexile level that is indicated on each "Reading Counts" book. "Reading Counts" books can be found in my class library, in the school library, and at the public library. A list of quizzes is available by going to the James A Garfield Elementary School web page at;

www.garfield.sparcc.org/Elementary

and clicking on the Library on the left side of the page.

Students are required to read 8 points in September to achieve their monthly goal. The number of points per month varies. Students will be given a grade based upon the percentage of points completed. The grade will equal one test grade. There is a monthly reward for students who reach the goal. Students may exceed the monthly goal. There is a prize each month for the student who earns the most points in that month.

Month	Points
September	8
October	8
November	8
December	8
January	10
February	10
March	10
April	8
May	8