Morton Ranch Jr. High Summer Reading

This summer MRJH is piloting a summer reading program that includes all students who will be on our campus for the 2015-2016 school year. Statistics show that reading as few as 5-6 books over the summer is enough to prevent decline in the reading skills students gained over the last school year. Without summer reading, students show a 2-3 month decline in skills. Because we want our students to retain the skills they worked so hard to gain, this summer we are recommending that students read at least 5-6 books and requiring that all students read at least 1 book and be prepared to discuss that book when they return in August.

Our program will be based on student choice. Students may choose titles that address their interests, pique their curiosity and challenge their reading level. When students are interested in what they are reading, they are more likely to read on a deeper level, read more often and strengthen their reading skills.

Over the summer, students will be expected to complete a bookmark which will be used on their return to school. On the front of the bookmark, they will list up to 6 novels or nonfiction books they read. On the back, the student will answer three connection questions over one novel they will share when they return to school. Students must choose a piece of fiction for use at school.

Upon returning in August, students will bring their bookmark and chosen novel for use in the classroom. Book groups will be set up for student discussion. We will also use these novels concurrently with our model text novel (we do- with class text; you do- with the summer read).

To help students acquire books, they can use the Katy on the Go app and My Katy Cloud to access library e-books. We will host an **Adopt-a-Book night on Tuesday June 2, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in our cafeteria. These books are free and we are encouraging students to choose a book or two to help with their summer reading.

For easy access to the summer reading information, please visit the MRJH website-Student Resources- MRJH Summer Reading 2015. Also, be sure to sign up for Remind 101 by texting: **@mrjhreads to 81010** or **@mrjhreads to (415) 429-7492**. If you wish to receive e-mail reminders send an email to **mrjhreads@mail.remind.com**. Tweet your good reads to: **# mrjhreads**.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Barb Miller at **barbarajmiller@katyisd.org**.
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Students should read 5-6 novels/nonfiction books this summer.

**Students are required to read at least 1 novel of their choice.**

7th and 8th grade PreAp students may choose to read the district suggested novel or a self-selected title.

Students must complete the attached bookmark and bring to school when they return in August.

Students will use their book of choice novel as a basis for their learning for the first part of the first grading period.

Sign up for Remind 101 by texting: @mrjhreads to 81010 or @mrjhreads to (415) 429-7492.

Use Twitter to give book recommendations or comment on what you are reading at: #mrjhreads.

Information about summer reading can be accessed on the MRJH website under Student Resources/MRJH Summer Reading 2015.