

Dear Parents,

The Reading Counts program is coming to an end for this school year. If your child enjoyed the Reading Counts program, something very similar is available for free online at www.bookadventure.com

This program can be used through the end of the school year and through the summer.

Book Adventure is: "a FREE reading motivation program for children in grades K-8. Children create their own book lists from over 8,000 recommended titles, take multiple choice quizzes on the books they've read, and earn points and prizes for their literary successes. Book Adventure was created by and is maintained by Sylvan Learning."

Points earned for quizzes passed can be used to redeem prizes offered in Book Adventure's Prize Library. Or, parents can create a Personal Incentive Plan. The Personal Incentive Plan, or PIP, allows you to customize a prize for your child and set your own goals by offering the finalized prize to your child as a reward for Book Adventure points earned.

Parents using the Personal Incentive Plan can set the required points necessary to receive a prize and can decide what the prize will be. For example, for 500 Book Adventure points you could award your child with a night off from household chores. Or, for 700 points you could take a trip to the movie of your child's choice.

Click the "Parents Place" link on the left side of Book Adventure's homepage to read more about this new Personal Incentive Plan Book Adventure feature.

Children in grades 3-8 scoring 90% or higher on quizzes taken earn points. Children in grades K-2 scoring 80% or higher on quizzes taken may earn points as well. If children in grades 3-8 score below 90%, a second opportunity is available to try the quiz again.

Parents can also use the "Reports" area to view and monitor a child's Book Adventure progress.

I encourage you and your child to complete the free registration for Book Adventure at home. Once children have a user name and password, Book Adventure quizzes may be taken in school through the end of the year in our classroom.

Sincerely, Mrs. Dingman www.mrsdingman.com