# Literary LEOPARDS

# Home Reading Program

### Daily Routine Grades 4-6

- The student reads their book to a parent for 20 minutes.
- The parent signs the child's reading log indicating the child finished the daily reading.
- When the student finishes a story, they return the signed log and book to school.
- Receive a new home reading book from the teacher.



#### **Keys to Success**

- Keep your book bag in the same safe place in your home or in your backpack! Get your book bag for your reading time and to get your parent's signature. Return it to your safe place or backpack immediately.
- Have a discussion with your child and set up a reading schedule (i.e. right after school, after dinner, etc.)
- Use Alexa or Google Home to set daily reminders.
- Only allow computer/TV/device time after reading time.

#### **Incentives**

4th-6th grade students must return a **minimum** of 10 signatures on their reading logs to receive participation credit for each month

Participants will be announced at Share and Shine. Monthly prizes will be awarded and raffle winners will be announced the day after our Share and Shine celebrations.



### Why a reading program?

During the 2020 COVID pandemic, schools shut down. As a result of these shutdowns, many children displayed notable gaps in their learning. In turn, the federal government asked schools to address this learning loss and allocated substantial monies to learning institutions for this express purpose. Districts were encouraged to create and implement plans that would lead to the reduction and elimination of these expansive learning deficits.

The interconnectedness of reading to all subject areas is undeniable. When kids struggle with reading, they often suffer in other academic areas. So, at LCS, we decided to implement a program that would boost reading achievement: Literary Leopards. Through federal funds, our children in grades K-6 will receive materials and supplies that enable them to read high-interest books at their reading level every day with their families.

## Is learning to read well that important?

Reading at home is proven to improve educational skills in the most significant of ways. When kids read a lot and often, their spelling, grammar, mechanics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, and writing skills improve. Thereby, their overall academic achievement improves. Studies have shown that reading also strengthens the brain, can increase empathy, prevents cognitive decline, reduces stress, aids sleep, and can alleviate depression. We get so much bang for our buck when kids read. Please join us in this crucial endeavor. Parental involvement and a show of high expectations are vital to the success of this initiative and are the most impactful way to help your child's learning progress.

Please scan the QR Code if you would like to learn about our Literary Leopards incentive program! Or, visit our web page at <a href="https://www.laurenscs.org">www.laurenscs.org</a>.

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Have your child read to you for at least 20 minutes a night and sign the sheet indicating they completed their daily assignment. When they have finished their story, please return the book, pencil, and reading log enclosed in the book bag. On the following school day, the teacher will send home a new book. Happy reading!

# My Reading Log

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