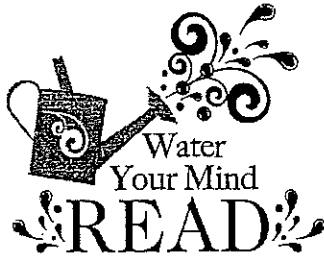


# Township of Union Public Schools



CONNECTICUT FARMS SCHOOL  
Mrs. Michelle Osborne-Warren  
Principal

Connecticut Farms  
School



November 1, 2016

Dear Parents/ and Guardians,

As one of Connecticut Farms initiatives this year, we are embracing a "Culture of Reading", helping our students become lifelong readers. We know that in order to be better readers, to increase students' comprehension, to build vocabulary and fluency, the main source is to get students to read more. Therefore, this year we are planning on initiating a variety of ways to get students to read as well as to build a love for reading.

Starting this month, moving into the following marking periods, the following activities will be implemented in our school.

1. Read-A-Thon- Connecticut Farms will have an on-going Read-A-Thon that students will take part in. Each book our students read, they will be receiving a book decal. For example, for the month of November we will be using a turkey decal. Each book a student reads, a decal will be placed on the student's classroom chart to record the books. As the decals are placed on the chart, students from the surrounding classrooms can see the number of books read and the growth within the classroom. This, we hope, will promote a healthy competition between classes and get students to join the cause of a "Culture of Reading". Classes and students with the most books will receive incentives.
2. The teachers at each Grade Level have developed the goals for the marking period:
  - a. Kindergarten- 40 books per marking period. This includes the re-reading of decodable books.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- 12 books per marking period.
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- 10-12 books per marking period.

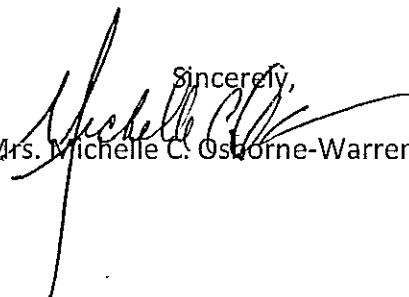
- d. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- 10 books per marking period.
  - e. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 10 books per marking period.
3. We are planning on inviting an author to our school as well as getting guest readers. Perhaps, you might be a guest reader 😊
  4. We have signed up with Book-It, which is part of Pizza Hut and students who read will receive coupons for pizza.
  5. Additional incentives will be discussed and developed as the school year continues to promote a Culture of Reading.
  6. As a culminating event, we will have Story Book Character Day. Students will dress up in their favorite literary character. This will take place sometime in the spring.

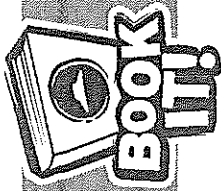
We very much need your help. Please have your child(ren) read each night. We are not recording minutes but the number of books read. Accompanying this letter are several resources we ask that you use. Here is a monthly calendar. Students can use this document to record 20 minutes of reading each night, over the course of the month. Although we are asking students to let us know when they complete reading a book, it is always encouraged that students read each night. This builds stamina and good reading habits. The last two documents are reading logs that you can use. Please choose **1** that you would like to record your books. We will make copies so when students need a new one, they can ask our media clerk, Mrs. Hrdina.

Allow your child(ren) to see you read. When children see that reading is embraced by everyone in the family, this will promote reading. All types of books are included; comic books, articles, magazines, how-to books, fairy tales, e-books and even recipe books. The goal is to see reading as a necessary part of life.

We are confident that this endeavor will increase students' reading and their love of reading. This will impact students' vocabulary and their comprehension. Increasing students' reading directly increases students' writing.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call (908) 851-6470.

Sincerely,  
  
Mrs. Michelle C. Osborne-Warren

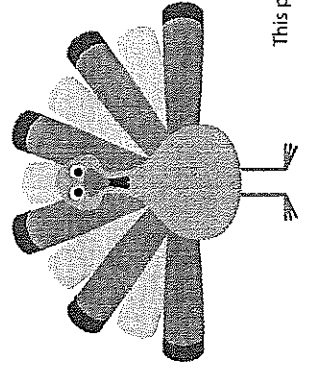


# NOVEMBER 2016

Reading Log

Color in the days that you read for 20 minutes at home. Return this calendar to the teacher when the month is finished.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			



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

















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# 's Reading Log

Date	Title	Parent Signature	Rating
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  
			  

Our goal is to read a minimum of five books per week! Pre-decodables count! You may read a book more than once.

😊 = Great Book!

😐 = I liked it.

☹️ = I didn't like this book.