

Book Clubs

Hawks Rise Elementary

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Goals:

- Broaden the spectrum of students' independent reading.
- Familiarize students with genre associations.
- Increase student motivation with minimal requirement from teachers.
- Focus on *quality* of reading.

Set-up:

- Establish theme, club names, slogans.
- Establish criteria for joining clubs.
- Generate club application, certificates and memo / information sheet.
- Motivational clubs photos.
- Advertise on Web site and flyers.
- First member of each club on school news.
- "Wall of Fame" for each club.

Our Success Rate:

- Over two thirds of the student population joined at least one book club.
- Several students joined all six clubs and over half became "second timers."
- Students requested additional clubs.

Benefits:

- Students built comprehension strategies for various types of text.
- Students used genre vocabulary and made genre inquiries.
- Genre associations carried over to student writing.
- Boys were highly motivated to read.

Book Clubs

Are you a choosy reader?
Do you enjoy a particular genre or series of books?
Maybe you'd like to join a Book Club!

Read the criteria for each club and select a club you'd like to join! Once you have met the criteria for that club, pick up a book club application in the media center, fill it out, sign it, and have your teacher add his or her initials. Bring your application to the media center to add your name to your club's wall of fame! Book Club members will also receive a certificate and special recognition at each Reading Rally.

Criteria for joining clubs: 5 chapter books or 10 picture books. (For a mixture of picture and chapter books, just count two picture books for each chapter book...for example, 4 chapter books and 2 picture books.)

Clubs and Slogans:

Science Sleuths

Science sleuths are keen observers, searching for clues, forming hypotheses and unlocking the mysteries of the natural world.

Social Studies Investigators

Social Studies Investigators explore history, geography and people, examining clues that lead to a greater understanding of the world around them.

Mystery Detectives

Mystery Detectives are on the case! They will endure suspense, piece clues together and expose secrets in order to solve the unsolved mysteries of literature.

The Classics Club

Classics Club members enjoy the traditional tales that have proven themselves timeless across generations of readers.

Fearless Fantasy and Adventure Readers

Fearless Fantasy and Adventure Readers know that books can transport them to faraway worlds and journeys into the imagination.

Sports Examiners

Sports examiners enjoy the competitive quest for victory and the lessons to be learned from the agony of defeat.



Official Book
Club
Application

Your Name: _____

Name of Club:

Books Read: *(10 picture books, 5 chapter books, or combination)*

Teacher Initials:
(I verify that this student read and passed tests on these books.)
