

Reading Blackout

What is Reading Blackout? Reading Blackout is an *optional* reading incentive program designed to motivate and reward students for reading a variety of books. Students will not receive a grade for participating, and participation is not required.

How does it work? After students receive a Blackout card, they may begin reading books from the categories...it's like a scavenger hunt. When the entire card is filled, a parent/guardian AND teacher must sign the bottom of the card. The card should then be returned to the library. Each time a student completes a card; he/she will receive a Spirit Stick and prize, and will advance to the next level. Remember, each Blackout card must be kept and worked on for 3 weeks.

What are there specific reading categories on the card? Listing reading categories serves two purposes: it encourages students to use the library catalog to find different kinds of books, and it encourages them to read books about a wide variety of topics. You never know when you'll find something new to read that you never thought you'd enjoy!

Other Important Information

- You may read the books in any order on your card and choose any title that fits the categories. The books may come from any source (school or public library, book fair, classroom, friends, home, etc.).
- Each grade has different book categories.
- There are six levels (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple). You may not skip levels, and must complete them in order.
- Any book read **by** or **to** the student, may count. (Even older students like to be read to every now and again.)
- Books read in class, by teachers, the librarian, for class assignments, or in a book club also count.
- The program ends **Friday, May 2, 2019**; no new books or cards will be accepted after this date.
- Your card must be completely full and contain a parent/guardian AND teacher's signature. Partially completed and unsigned cards will not count.
- Turn your card in at the library to get the next level Blackout card.
- Each card must be kept for three weeks. Read and turn in cards early so you don't panic toward the end.

Remember:

- Be sure to start the card for the grade level you are in now.
- You may not count any book twice...even on different cards.
- Ask Mrs. Naismith if you have any questions.
- See the library website for booklists for different categories.
- Have fun!!

Prizes

- Red—Key chain + Spirit Stick
- Orange—Spirit Stick
- Yellow—Spirit Stick
- Green—Spirit Stick + Smencil
- Blue—Spirit Stick + free book
- Purple—Spirit Stick +invitation to the "Purple People Party" in May

Due Dates 2018-2019

Red—Thursday, November 15, 2018

Orange—Thursday, December 20, 2018

Yellow—Thursday, January 24, 2019

Green—Thursday, February 28, 2019

Blue—Thursday, April 4, 2019

Purple—Thursday, May 2, 2019