

Reading Counts...Make Reading Count

Reading Counts is a software program that manages and motivates independent reading. At Marshall Elementary, it is a collaborative effort between the students, parents, teachers, and the media specialist. Students are encouraged to read 20 minutes at home every day. The program basically works like this:

1. A student takes a computerized test (SRI/STAR) 3 times each school year. This test helps determine guidelines of the students' reading level (lexile)
2. Most books in the library are marked with lexile numbers. Each book is assigned a point value. Students check out books of interest in their lexile.
3. After reading the book, the student takes a computer generated comprehension test and receives instant feedback. Students may retake the test one time if they don't pass it the first time. Points are earned for success.
4. Teachers, parents, and students can track reading progress. Reports are sent home weekly.
5. Student goals are set each quarter. At the end of each quarter, students that achieve their goal may attend a Reading Counts Celebration. Each quarter there will be a different celebration.
6. If a student doesn't achieve his/her goal one quarter, they have the chance to start over each quarter.
7. Parents will be invited to an assembly to recognize students that achieved their goal.

Reading Goals for 2009 (1st quarter)

Kindergarten/1st grade	Reading Logs
2nd grade	20 points
3rd-5th grades	6 non-fiction chapter books (3 points each)

***All students must have an overall 80% average.

Reading Counts T-shirts

An ongoing record will be kept throughout the year of each student's points. If students achieve a certain amount of points, they earn a Reading Counts T-shirt.

Goals for Reading Counts T-shirts:

1st grade	80 points
2nd grade	100 points
3rd grade	110 points
4th grade	120 points
5th grade	140 points

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