S's 40 Book Reading Program

So, what is this program?

Everybody reads here. Everybody is a reader. Whether you read or not is off the table, but **what** you read is your choice. Whatever you want. You pick. <u>The books you choose will be used in class lessons.</u>

Am I requiring you to read 40 books? No. That is the ideal and what is supported by research, but not realistic for everyone. How many books did you read last year? <u>I would like you to read 20% more than you read last year</u>.

The 40 Book Challenge is meant to expand your reading lives, not limit or define it. The idea is to read for VARIETY, then read for personal competition. So, which genres are you willing to explore? :)

Since you're making me read, what do I get?

Actually because we are both so amazing, I am giving you 3 gifts! :)

1. <u>For each page you read it counts as a "dollar."</u> No, not a real dollar, silly! The more "dollars" your class earns the more prizes you will receive. Who doesn't love prizes?!?!

2. You earn <u>product points</u> for each novel you read. FYI--You will be asked to complete a task while you are reading and when you are finished reading each book. The tasks I ask you to complete will tell me whether you understood the novel or if you are trying to fool an old lady like me. :)

3. You get to <u>escape reality</u>. You get to learn about people and develop compassion, understanding, and feel understood. You get to learn new vocabulary which helps you impress others (especially that cutie in the cafeteria, eh?! :)) with your infinite wisdom. Need I go on?!?!

Where can I find books?

home	JMMS eBooks
S's library (fill out the sign out sheet!)	Stark County Libraries
JMMS library	*You may download them on your Kindle or iBooks on your phone

What if I don't like the book I chose?

So you begin reading a book, but decide you don't like it or it's too easy or too difficult. <u>Read it until page 50</u> to decide if you really want to abandon it to find a new book. Once you have read beyond page 50 I advise you to stick with that book since it will limit the amount of time to complete a new novel within the 3 week time period.

What qualities should I look for in the books I choose?

The novels you choose to read MUST meet these requirements:

- Fiction OR Non-Fiction
- 200+ pages
- Something INTERESTING!!!
- Something age appropriate (if you choose a young adult book with mature content and you get uncomfortable, you are welcome to abandon that book at ANY TIME) **VIP: you should let your parent/guardian know what you are reading so they can give the final say if you are allowed to read it.**

So I have found a book, now what?

1. Fill out a "Lexile Sheet"
2. Complete as much info on the "Lexile Sheet" as you can. If you can't find something, skip it!
3. Give the "Lexile Sheet" to me to sign.
4. KEEP IT IN YOUR BINDER!!!!! SERIOUSLY, it is important you keep these since it will help as the year goes along.

I am done with a book. Now what?

1. Add to your tracking sheet.
2. You are required to read 12 <u>**choice**</u> books this year if you stay on my schedule and finish reading one every 3 weeks. You are welcome to read more than that!

Reading Goals

The first 9 weeks I want to read...

# of books	# of pages	genres that you want to explore

By the end of this year I want to read...

# of books	# of pages