



# Important Information

## SSYRA Reading Program



August 15, 2019

Dear Parents of Third, Fourth, or Fifth Graders:

Again this year, Oasis students will be challenged to read the fifteen (15) Sunshine Young Reader Award (SSYRA) books for grades 3-5. These books were nominated for 2019-2020 SSYRA by The Florida Association of Media in Education. After reading each book, the student will take the corresponding accelerated reading (AR) quiz. They must score 70% or higher with 85% accuracy overall in order to receive the related “brag tag” and additional motivational incentives.

It is the student’s responsibility to inform me when they have read each by completing the SSYRA Reading Reward Form which must include their teacher’s signature. Then will then receive the brag tags and prizes.

Children who read **eight (8)** SSYRA books will be eligible to vote for their favorite SSYRA book in the statewide election that will be held at our school on Thursday, April 9, 2019. As students reach a milestone of 8, and 15 books, their accomplishment will be recognized during the Morning News. Students will earn prizes for reading 3, 8, and 15 SSYRA books in addition to the tag for each book. Children who read all 15 books will earn **time during their specials** as the Librarian, a **READ poster** containing their picture, which will be displayed in the library, and a **seat** on the *Oasis Battle of the Books Competition*. During the Battle, children will work with their team vying for points by answering multiple choice questions about information found within the books. The battle is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2020, at the Cape Coral Yacht Club. Again this year, Oasis Elementary will be sending a team to the Lee County Battle of the Books in May. All reading for this incentive program **must be completed by Thursday, March 23, 2020, and I must be notified by 4:00 p.m. Brag Tags will continue to be given for reading until supply is depleted or May 15, 2020.**

Many elementary schools across Florida participate in reading these 15 titles. The program is designed to encourage students to read challenging, contemporary literature from a variety of genres for their own personal enjoyment. Students will be permitted to read and take the quiz on books outside of their designated AR level. The reading levels for these books range from 2.3 to 5.9. With the more challenging books, consider reading them together with your child and stopping periodically to check for understanding of ideas and vocabulary.

The 2019-2020 titles are attached. These books are available at the Oasis Library and our new Digital Library - **Sora** - <https://soraapp.com/library/oesfl> or [download the Sora app](#) and searching for your school, Oasis. Students will use their school Google email and password to access this collection. Also the public library, and bookstores.

Please encourage and challenge your child to read the 15 SSYRA books and accomplish something great!

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“If a child is going to grow into a truly special adult – someone who thinks, considers other points of view, has an open mind, and possesses the ability to discuss great ideas with other people – a love of reading is an essential foundation.” *Teach Like Your Hair’s on Fire* by Rafe Esquith