

Mrs. Orr's Fifth Grade



November 2009

AR Reading

We are starting a new quarter for AR reading points so check to see what your fifth graders personal reading goal is for this quarter. They have between Nov. 9th through Jan. 9th to reach their goal. We had many readers who have reached or are close to reaching their personal goal during the first AR reading period. Excellent effort by the class!

Book Reviews

Please check out the online book reviews written by the fifth grade appearing soon on the Spaghetti Book Club webpage. The class will be focusing on how to write a strong summary, how to formulate opinions, and how to make "good" reviews "great". The site allows the class to share and receive reviews from other classrooms across the country. Its an opportunity for the class to learn new writing techniques that place an emphasis on details, examples, and formulating opinions about what they have read. They will also have the opportunity to correspond in an online bulletin board with other classrooms that have read their reviews.

Read and Feed

The November Read and Feed will be on Nov. 20th. Be sure your fifth grader brings a wide range of reading materials. This can include books, newspapers, magazines, and even specialty publications. The more there is to read the better!

Restaurant Reviews - a la Food Network

In our next Writers Workshop I will ask each fifth grader to select their favorite restaurant and explain why it is the best restaurant at which to eat. The class will display their completed essays with a copy of that restaurant's menu. Please assist your fifth grader by picking up a menu from their favorite restaurant that is not a fast food establishment. Restaurants in the area are very generous when they know its a class writing project. Menus need to be sent with your fifth grader by Nov. 23rd. Bon Appetite !

