



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Sunday, September 24-Friday, September 29

Shopping hours:**Sunday**(10am-1pm), **Monday**(7:30am-3:30pm), **Tuesday**(7:30am-7pm), **Wednesday**(7:30am-3:30pm), **Thursday**(7:30am-3:30pm), and **Friday**(7:30 am-12:00pm)

Special activities: *Saddle Up and READ Sunday:* (10am-1pm)

Gallop in with GRANDS: (10-12) and *Wild West Fun Family Night:* (4-7pm): The Book Fair will be available for two special events on Tuesday. Grandparents can stop in while touring the school or join us later during Family Night.

Children will have a chance to enter a drawing for \$25 in free Book Fair merchandise for themselves AND their teacher during these three special activity events!!!! Winner will be announced Wednesday during school hours. GOOD LUCK!!!

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at **scholastic.com/fair**. Our Online Fair is available from September 22 to September 29.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,
Penny Mansfield
Media Director



LIBRARY NEWS

2017-2018 School Year

Welcome to a new school year! This letter is to inform you about all of the wonderful things that are happening in the library. It is going to be an AWESOME year!!!

ACCELERATED READER

We will continue to use the incentive-based approach to “AR” this year. It is not a grade component of any kind! This simply means that we will encourage ALL students to read. Students in grades **K-2** will practice AR as a class so they become very familiar with it before entering third grade. **K-2** students will have class goals each quarter, which means we work as a class to reach these goals. **3rd-5th** graders will have individual goals set each quarter. **6th-8th** graders who want to be a part of this great incentive program can sign up for this ELECTIVE to get on board. When goals are reached, students will receive a reward for their hard work.

“AR” Incentives

K-2 QUARTERLY INCENTIVES

Kindergarten through second grade will receive “Book It” certificates 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarter to reward their class efforts with the AR program. They will receive a free kid’s meal from Texas Roadhouse as their 4th quarter incentive. The goal is to always create a positive message about reading and to promote and instill a love of reading in every child.

3-5 QUARTERLY INCENTIVES

1st – 3rd quarter goals met: Students get to come to school in out-of-uniform attire! This does not mean the spirit shirt....this means OUT OF UNIFORM (handbook guidelines MUST be followed).

4th quarter goal met: “A bite to eat” – students will receive a free item from Chick-fil-A!

1st-3rd quarter out of uniform days will take place the Wednesday AFTER the end of the quarter! Teachers will have a list of students who earned this fun incentive ☺

Simple but fun and our students **LOVE** this so let’s encourage **READING!!!**

THE WALL

As students meet their goal, they sign their name on their class sheet, located on our check out desk. I am also tracking class progress. Students can watch the numbers increase throughout the year. Children enjoy seeing how much their class is reading. The overall point leader at the end of the year will be crowned “**AR RULER**” for the school year and their picture will remain on the wall the entire next school year! A great incentive to keep students earning points!

“AR Stars” Movie Event

The “AR Stars” Movie Event is a really fun gathering of students in grades 3-8 who went above and beyond what was asked of them in their individual quarterly goals. This event is held the last week of school. Students in grades **3-5** have to earn **100 points** to attend. Students in grades **6-8** have to earn **150 points** to attend. As students earn the necessary points for the breakfast, their names will go on the “**AR Stars**” **Tracker Columns** in the library. These students will also receive a special, official invitation to the event. ☺

KONA ICE

Kona Ice is scheduled to visit our school once a quarter during lunch waves, during the Red Ribbon Run, and Field Day. The library receives 30% of what is earned during these visits!!! This is a delicious and easy way for everyone to support funding for the library. The money will be used to pay for AR incentives, library supplies, and BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!

OPAC

Students and parents may view our Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) anytime, anywhere! The website address is: **opac.libraryworld.com/opac**. When you first go to this site you will have to enter our library's name – Corpus Christi. There is also a mobile app available: search Libraryworld in the app store. Again, the first visit will require our library's name – Corpus Christi. No password is required so you can leave that field blank. I love using OPAC at home! Give it a try!

Library VIPs and website

I choose a library VIP from each class in grades K3-5th every week. They get to sit in a special spot during story time and in the "Covered Wagon" this year after they choose a book. **EVERY CHILD** in grades K3-5th will do this!!! I take their picture and post it in the Photo Gallery of my library website: **ccslibrary.wixsite.com/home**. The pictures are always pretty adorable. 😊 Your child will come home with a gold "bracelet" when they are the VIP that reminds you of the website and the photo gallery. Please go to my site and save these pictures of your children! You may also see some news you find useful on my announcements page.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

The Birthday Book Club is back! This is a great way to build our collection and fill it with titles your children LOVE! If you would like your child to be a member of the Birthday Book Club, simply fill out the form and turn it in to the library with a check for \$15 or with the new, hardback book you have purchased on your own. On the form is a choice of 3 ways to be a member: 1) You may purchase the book yourself and turn it in with the form inside 2) turn in the form with a specific title listed along with your \$15 check or 3) turn in the form with the "you may choose a title for us" option checked along with your \$15 check. When your child becomes a member of the club, he/she will receive a birthday bookmark, a special nameplate label will be put in the book with his/her name and birthdate (month and day only), I will take their picture holding their book, and they will be the first person to check out this special book! Their birthday club picture will then be placed on my library website for you to save and share as you choose! Please make checks payable to **CCS** and make sure you attach it to the form! Please be patient with this process. It takes time to get books ordered and delivered and processed for circulation. I will keep a log of all forms and money and as everything is completed, I will have your child come to the library for the photo, book mark and checkout portion of the club membership.

I realize this is a lot of information to digest! I hope it answers many questions you may have. If I missed something, or you have questions about anything else, feel free to email me at: pmansfield@corpuschristiparish.com. I will respond as quickly as I can. It gets quite busy in the library at times, so please be patient if I am unable to get back to you right away. Thank you for all that you do to support your child's academic progress!

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