



LIBRARY



Mrs. Moschette

Lighthouse Christian School continues to implement **Scholastic Reading Counts** for students in First through Eighth Grade. This reading incentive program is a motivational tool to assist all students in continued reading skills and growth. Reading Counts' overall purpose is to encourage and motivate students to read more successfully. Developing reading fluency, vocabulary and comprehension are essential to successful reading and learning.

Reading Counts is an independent reading program that tracks students' success on the books they read. It is a technology based program that creates a personalized and engaging learning environment that ensures reading accountability.

After a student finishes reading a book, they take a 10-question test on a school computer, randomly chosen from a pool of 30 questions. They must correctly answer 7 or more questions correctly to pass. If they do not pass, they can review the book and test a minimum of 24 hours later. Each book is worth a designated amount of points set by Scholastic based on vocabulary and subject matter/content. This process tests their comprehension of the book and their ability to recall the information. The students are able to track their progress at all stages. All books that are included in the Scholastic Reading Counts program in our school library are marked with a green label on the spine. We will encourage books that are age/grade and developmentally appropriate for each of our students.

Students have laptops available to test in the Library as well as their classroom. This program is an enrichment with classroom curriculum taking precedent. The program is designed to motivate and encourage reading while building their comprehension, vocabulary and retention. It is not a competitive program or contest, but instead an independent reading success program with each student being encouraged to have personal goals.

There are 5 achievement marks on the "Star Board" located in the hall just outside the Library. As a student reaches each level, their names are placed on the "Star Board" to recognize their personal success. The levels are as follows:



Blue Level – 25 points

Red Level – 50 points

Bronze Level – 100 points

Silver Level – 250 points

Gold Level – 500 points



Students will be encouraged to read any and all books that interest them whether or not they are testable on Reading Counts. If you or your child would like to check if a book is on Reading Counts and also see the reading level and point worth you may go to:

readingcountsexpert.tgds.hmhco.com

Today's Readers are Tomorrow's Leaders!

