

Independent Reading Project Guidelines, Requirements, and Expectations

Choosing a Book

Each quarter, you will choose a book from the required genre. The required genres per quarter are as follows:

Quarter 1—Memoirs

Quarter 2—Non-fiction

Quarter 3—Fiction

Quarter 4—Free Choice

To help you select a book that is of interest to you, we will walk to Madeira Public Library once per quarter (maybe not 3rd quarter) to meet with Mrs. Sebransky, a teen librarian, who will give you a quarterly book talk. After her book talk, you will have the opportunity to checkout a book from the library. She has read every book that she recommends, so we know that they are grade-level and content appropriate.

We will also be creating a cart of books from Madeira Middle School Library for you to peruse and check out if you would like. These are also grade-level and content appropriate.

Additionally, if there is a book in mind that you want to read that hasn't been recommended to you or is part of the school library, you can choose to read that book with your parents' permission.

It is critical that you find a book that matches your interests and reading level. After you choose a book, please show it to Ms. Tuchfarber or Ms. Isaacs to get approval.

If you begin your book and are not enjoying it, as long as you think you will have enough time to start and finish another book and complete the project, you can make that decision to stop and find another or just keep reading.

Classroom Expectations of Independent Reading

We want you to bring your independent reading book to class every day! You will receive 20 minutes of class every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday to read your IR book. If you do not have your book at school, that is a problem because you will miss out on a lot of time to read. If you forget your book at home more than once per quarter, you will receive a

deduction in your IR category grade. You are expected to read for the entire 20 minutes, and if we have to remind you to wake up, keep reading, or if you distract others while they are reading, you will lose points from your grade.

On Wednesdays and Fridays, you may receive additional time to read after a quiz or when classwork and homework are completed; for that reason, we want you to bring your book every day.

We hope that you appreciate and take advantage of the incredible opportunity that we are giving you, which is 60 minutes per week of uninterrupted reading! We are super excited about IR, and we hope you will enjoy it too!

If you happen to finish your book early, you may bring another book of any genre to read for the remaining weeks of the quarter. Your IR book has to be complete for you to do this though!

Project Information

You will receive a handout at the beginning of each quarter explaining what your project entails.

For 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters, your IR book project will be due the Friday before the quarter ends. The 4th quarter project will be due slightly before then. The due dates are as follows:

Quarter 1—October 9th

Quarter 2—December 11th

Quarter 3—March 4th

Quarter 4—May 13th (This is the 2nd to last Friday before the end of the quarter.)