

August 2015

Dear Parents,

Throughout the year, students will be participating in an Independent Reading Program in language arts. This will allow them to read a book of their choice (in a specific genre) each quarter. In order to provide students with a wide-variety of options, we like to walk to the Madeira Branch of the Cincinnati Public Library once a quarter. **Our first visit to the Madeira library is planned for Monday, August 24 during language arts class.** Once there, students will have the opportunity to check out books. If they don't have a library card, they can use our teacher account to lease a book. If they choose to read their own book of choice or order books online, they can still use this time to browse the options available to them.

Each quarter, the IRB book needs to be a certain genre. The schedule is as follows:

- Quarter 1: Memoir
- Quarter 2: Non-Fiction
- Quarter 3: Fiction
- Quarter 4: Book of Choice

As part of the Independent Reading Workshop, students will be required to complete a Independent Reading Project. In order to be sure students have time to complete their reading and project while also participating in class discussions, **students will be required to have their Quarter 1 Independent Reading book IN CLASS this Wednesday, August 26.**

Both Ms. Isaacs' and Ms. Tuchfarbers' classes will be walking to the library via Miami Ave. We will be cautious to abide by all pedestrian rules of the road. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Please complete the bottom of this letter and return it to your child's language arts teacher by Friday, August 21. *In addition to this permission slip, your child's **Emergency Medical Form** must be turned into the office in order for permission to walk to the library to be granted.* If we do not have parent consent prior to the time we leave school on Friday, students will stay back at MMS with another teacher.

Thank you for your support,
Lindsey Isaacs and Michele Tuchfarber
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Please return to your language arts teacher by FRIDAY!

_____ I give my child permission to walk to the Madeira Branch of the Cincinnati Public Library as part of their language arts class once a quarter throughout the year. The dates of these walks will be communicated via parent email.

_____ I do not have my child permission to walk to the library with his/her classmates

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____