

READING COUNCIL QUALIFICATION, 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Reading Council applications may be turned in at any time, but should be turned in at least two weeks before planned meetings if the student wishes to attend that meeting. All “candidates” must complete five challenges (each from a different category), including the “Faith” challenge. At least one challenge must be from numbers 2, 3, 4, or 9. Most of these challenges have been designed with Epic! in mind, but it is not necessary to read on Epic!. Our school library and the local public libraries also have many of these books. Please note: you may not combine one book and apply it to more than one challenge.

CHALLENGES:

1. Faith: read one non-fiction book about the Christian faith, the Catholic Church, a person from the Bible or from church history. The book should not already have an A.R. test, but should be about on your reading level. (Use the 5-finger test to check.) Write 5-10 *good* AR questions for the book. AR questions are multiple choice, with four choices for each question. Each question should be about a main idea or key concept from the book. Be fair! (Please don't throw in questions that are too detail-oriented. Think about what you'd want to see on *your* AR tests.)
2. Narrative non-fiction book: read a non-fiction chapter book on your level that already has an A.R. test. Take the test and pass it with an 80% or better. Mrs. Pate is compiling a list of some suggested books for you. If your chosen book doesn't have an AR test, see me before reading it. We'll see if we can work something out.
3. Non-fiction book: read any non-fiction book on your level that already has an A.R. test. Take the test and pass it with an 80% or better.
4. Fiction chapter book: read any fiction chapter book on your level that already has an A.R. test. Take the test and pass it with an 80% or better.
5. Everybody Award-Winner: read an “Everybody” book that has an A.R. test and has won one of these awards: Caldecott Medal, Texas 2x2, John Steptoe, Ted Geisel, Coretta Scott King, Sibert Medal. Take the test and pass it with an 80% or better.
6. National Geographic Kids Readers series: read any book in the National Geographic Kids Readers series that has an A.R. test and is close to your level. (Students at 5th grade and up may just have to choose the one closest to their own level.) Take the A.R. test and pass it with an 80% or better. NOTE: these books are NOT available in the free, after-school version of Epic. You will need to read one during the school day before summer begins. The good news is that these are quick reads!
7. Magazine for Children: read a magazine, such as *Ranger Rick*, *National Geographic Kids*, *National Geographic Little Kids*, *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, etc. You may write a report that tells about what you read, create a poster drawing that summarizes what's in the magazine, or make an appointment to come talk to me about what you read. (The appointment part is important, so that I have time to talk when you're ready.) Please check with me to make sure the magazine you choose is appropriate or to find out about requirements for longer magazines, such as *Teen Vogue*.

8. Ugly book: choose a book that looks . . . ugly. The cover is plain, or the artwork is out-dated. Read the book and create a new dust jacket for it. You will need to include: a colorful, inviting cover with *original artwork* that has the title, author and illustrator (if there's one) of the book. A book spine that includes the title, author and a library spine label. (You don't need a fancy spine label; you may draw it!). You need a back cover with a summary of what the book is about—something that makes people want to read it—and an inside back-flap that tells about the author. On the inside front-flap tell if the book has won any awards or quote a good review of the book. It can be your own review if you like! Please consider using a computer for the print matter on your dust jacket. The jacket should fit the book, if possible.
9. History: read a book from the historical fiction genre OR one that is pure history (non-fiction) that is on your level and has an A.R. test. Take the A.R. test and pass it with an 80% or better.
10. Make and Take: read any “make and do” book. Make something from the book! You can document your creation in one of several ways: bring the object you make and the book to me to see; video-tape key segments of your making process—including a shot of the book's instructions—and turn that in to me, take pictures of your creation—again, including a shot of the book's instructions—and turn it in to me. Have lots of fun!