

Dear Families,

Welcome to Reader's Workshop! Our first exciting reading unit will be *Interpretation Book Clubs*. As readers we will have the opportunity to work in a small group and pick a book that we would all love to dive into and dissect. We will be reading texts with rich themes, content, and vocabulary. Fifth grade workshop definitely hits the ground running!

A book club consists of 3-6 students who all read and discuss the same book. We will each have responsibilities and assignments based on the same text. Although each book club will create its own specific goals, all members need to develop thoughtful written responses based off of the strategies learned in workshop. Written responses will vary from quick jots on post-its to reading responses in notebooks.

As interpretive readers, we will be able to...

- ✓ analyze similarities and differences in traditional literature
- ✓ support thinking with quotes and other text evidence
- ✓ reflect on our own learning and contributions to club conversations
- ✓ identify and examine story structure to enrich conversation and comprehension
- ✓ analyze the theme(s) in our text and how they apply to our own lives and other texts
- ✓ revise thinking as we read and reread the text
- ✓ use vocabulary strategies to figure out unfamiliar words

As a book club member, it is **imperative** that we complete the assignments we create by their due dates because our fellow members depend on us!

In order to have a rich discussion we need to...

- ✓ complete assigned reading (DO NOT read ahead)
- ✓ write thoughtfully about our reading
- ✓ bring all materials to meetings
- ✓ actively participate in the discussion

Please continue to speak with us about our reading. We need to bring our materials to and from school every day. We are excited to share and discuss our books with you!

Sincerely,

The Readers in Room _____