

1. Silent Sustained Reading is designed to improve, stamina, comprehension, and overall reading skills.

2. I expect you to choose books appropriate to your age and reading level. I have a multitude of books from different reading levels, genres, etc. in my classroom library. It is up to you and your parents to decide what is appropriate for you to read.

3. You may choose a book from any source – a classroom library, the public library, your home, or borrowed from a friend. Some people actually go to bookstores and buy their books. No, really. Talk to me about your e-reader (Kindles, Nooks, etc.) and we'll come to an agreement. Other devices, such as iPods, iPads, and cell phones, are not allowed to be used as your e-reader.

4. Cycle book talks on your S.S.R. reading will count for the **equivalent of a test**. To receive the full 100 points, you must successfully report on your book and answer any questions I ask.

6. You may be given some class time to read, however you should read daily for 10 - 20 minutes to complete your book. You will earn grades (Academic Readiness) for in-class reading time.

7. The book report is an informal "book talk" with me. Your job is to convince me that you read the book. Be prepared to answer specific, detailed questions about your book.

8. Your book talk will be scheduled toward the end of the cycle. I will announce deadlines in class.

9. Feel free to complete book talks early. As soon as you finish a book, come see me to get the report done. If you delay and wait until the deadline, you may forget details and could fail the book talk with me.

10. You are allowed to present only one book report to me per day. Again, report to me a book. Don't allow your book talks to pile up and then try to do them all the day of your deadline.

11. If you try to report on a book and are not able to convince me that you read it, I will record this and **you will not receive credit**.

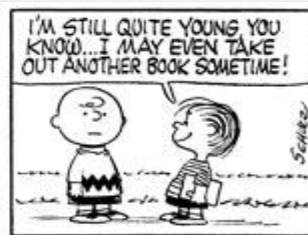
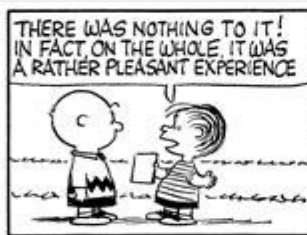
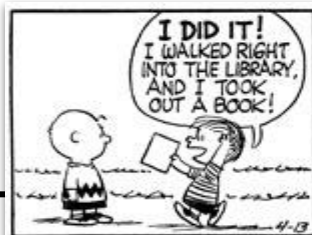
12. You may "abandon" a book that you don't like anywhere within the window of 25- 50 pages. This means that you must read as least 25 pages before you ditch the book, but won't get credit for anything beyond 50 pages that you read. I don't allow reports on books that you haven't finished. See me to complete a report on pages you read before you abandon a book. You may only abandon once a cycle.

13. You *may* take notes while you read and use those notes during the book report. Post-It notes work well. Notes must be handwritten.

14. You must have the book with you to do a book report. **No book = no report.**

15. You will be given a list of categories you must choose a book from. You may go in any order you wish, but the book must be fit into one of the following categories or you will not receive credit. Once you have completed a Book Talk for one the categories, you must move on to another category. If your book falls into multiple categories, you may choose which one you would like the Book Talk to count for. For example, you may read a book that is both Science Fiction and a part of a book series.

- A Play
- Nonfiction- Pages must total at least 150
- Science Fiction- Pages must total at least 200 pages
- A book from a series- Pages must total at least 200 pages



Student

I have read and understand this document in its entirety and do agree to adhere to all requirements and expectations of S. S. R. this year.

Signature

Date

Parent

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of my students for S. S. R. this school year.

Signature

Date

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at jmaughan@hollandisd.org or via phone at (254)654-1462.