



READING WARRIORS BULLETIN #1

Monday | July 9, 2018

Dear Parents,

Our book club starts this Wednesday, July 11th and I'm so excited! Here's the details you need to know for Wednesday:

DROP OFF (1:50pm)

Upon arrival, please wait outside by the bench located next to the door. (Please do not knock.) I will open the door and begin receiving reading warriors exactly at 1:50pm. My suggestion is to have them there at that time or at least a few minutes before in case they need to use the bathroom and get adjusted etc. **This will also be the few minutes you are able to see the cool reading stations and materials that are set up...so PLEASE come inside!** We will start the club each Wednesday and Friday at exactly 2:00PM... actual reading will begin at 2:05 PM. Our first book club session will be held at my home.

TECHNOLOGY FREE ZONE (Always)

No technology or devices are allowed during the book club. This is to avoid all disruptions to our precious reading space. If your child has a cell phone they will be instructed to leave it in the cubby area. You can always reach me for emergencies at 209-607-3450.

PARENTS FREE ZONE (2:03pm)

We love parents, but you have to go! Parents must leave by 2:03PM. I know you may think it's helpful to stick around, but it's usually not. As a former teacher, creating parent free environments where kids can learn to thrive independently is essential. Because the reading book club is only an hour and 15 minutes, please feel free to hang out in the parking lot, run a quick errand, grab a coffee, or pull out a book yourself and grab a seat in a lounge chair that will be located outside in a shaded area.

PICK UP (3:15 PM)

Our book club ends each Wednesday and Friday at 3:15 PM. But please **DO NOT** knock on the door! I will make a concerted effort to have the kids done on-time each session. Knocking only brings disruption—causing our wrap-up to take longer. I will always open the door and signal for parents to come in for pick up as soon as we are finished. At times, we may need a few additional minutes; however it is still your responsibility to be there on time to receive both your child and your Reading Warriors Bulletin.

BARSOTTI PARK (SOON!)

Both Wednesday and Friday of this first week will be held at my house. You will receive further information about when we will utilize Barsotti Park in the future. Right now we are building rhythms, culture, and reading environment rules!

FINAL REMINDERS

1. Please speak with your children before every book club to remind them about the importance of focus, hard work, the importance of literacy, and most importantly—being quiet at the appropriate times.
2. As expressed in the Reading Warriors Covenant, please support the club by ensuring that kids do their homework.
3. Your child will be given a Reading Warriors folder to take home each week. Please help them keep it safe. Replacing it cost \$6!

Let's have a great time expanding our vocabulary, comprehension, and most importantly our imagination!

Your Facilitator,

Brandon K Rachal