



YOUR CHOICE, YOUR VOICE, YOUR LITERARY SHOWCASE!

Dear Matthew Thornton Families,

The reading team is excited to share some exciting updates to our reading program this year. After much consideration, we have decided to revamp the Books and Beyond reading program into a new initiative called BOOKFLIX. This initiative is designed to cultivate a love for reading and enhance critical thinking skills among our students. Here is how the program works:

1. **Read at home:** Throughout the month, students will be encouraged to read regularly.
2. **Document and submit your reads:** At the end of each month, students will either:
 - a. Take a creative picture with their books, showcasing the titles they've read in a fun and imaginative way and submit via the provided Google Form.
 - b. OR, if taking a photo is not possible, students can simply write down the titles of all of the books they've read during the month and submit via the provided Google Form.
3. **End of year:** At the end of the year, Matthew Thornton will recognize students who have read the most books in each grade level.

To continue the love of reading at Matthew Thornton:

As students finish reading their books, they have the option to write a recommendation for a book that they enjoyed, using grade specific templates that can be found in the school library and on the MT Reading Department website. Completed recommendations can be submitted into designated mailboxes located in the library.

At the end of each month, the reading team will collect and review all submitted recommendations. Exemplary recommendations will be displayed on the BOOKFLIX bulletin board, providing a platform for students to showcase their insights. For each recommendation submitted, the student's name will be entered into a monthly raffle to win a giftcard of their choice. Five students will be selected from the raffle each month.

Mrs. Pisinski, our librarian, will be actively promoting BOOKFLIX during library time, to ensure all students are informed and encouraged to take part. We look forward to seeing the enthusiasm and creativity our students will bring to BOOKFLIX. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a strong reading culture at Matthew Thornton!

Your partners in education,

The Matthew Thornton Reading Team



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