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Dear Parents,

What is Book Adventure?

Book Adventure is a free, web-based reading motivation program that encourages children to read great books, take quizzes, and win prizes. Book Adventure not only rewards children for reading, but also enables parents and teachers to track a child's progress and help develop his/her love of reading.

You can check your child's progress on the Book Adventure website. It lists the books quizzed on by your child, when the quizzes were taken, and the scores received on the quizzes. Point values are a maximum of 100 points for quizzes on K-2 grade level books, 150 points for grade levels 3-5, and 200 points for grade levels 6-8. Points are earned when a child scores 80% or higher on a quiz.

To view your child's full report, register as a 'Parent' at <http://www.bookadventure.com>. After registering, login to your child's account, using the Book Adventure label on his/her homework folder, and enter your email address in his/her profile section. Once both accounts have the same email address listed, your accounts will be linked and you can view their full report.

To learn more about Book Adventure, please visit their website.

How did 3rd Grade Spend the Box Top Money Allotted to them to Motivate Independent Reading?

We chose the Book Adventure program over the A.R. program because it follows the same format; is available to students, parents, and teachers online; includes incentives that can be earned with points for passing quizzes; and is completely free of charge. The main difference between Book Adventure and A.R. is the number of books available for taking quizzes.

Specific studies accepted by the evidence standards of the What Works Clearinghouse (www.whatworks.ed.gov) showed that programs such as A.R. had a positive, though mixed, effect on comprehension, but no discernible effects on reading fluency or decoding skills. Since A.R. and Book Adventure have the ability to motivate and challenge already fluent readers, we chose to use available funds on the student population whose motivational needs might not be met by these programs. We purchased research-based decodable books recommended by Canyons School District's Evidence-Based Learning Department in order to give more students the necessary practice in appropriate text to read independently on grade level. We know that the more success children experience as they progress in reading skills, the more they will be motivated to continue to move onward and upward as life-long learners. If you have any questions concerning the reading materials we ordered, please contact us.

Happy Reading!

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