



Sunshine State Young Reader's Award

Parker Elementary

The Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program is a statewide reading motivation program for students in grades 3-8. The School Library Media Services Office of the Department of Education cosponsors the program. The purpose of the SSYRA Program is to encourage students to read independently for personal satisfaction, based on interest. Many genres and grade levels are represented in the 15 chapter books each year.

How does the SSYRA program work?

- A student reads a Sunshine State Book. Then takes an AR quiz on the book. This will be a record of reading the book. Once the AR test is passed with 60% or higher they check off the title in the SSYRA Log book in the media center. The media center will verify that the student passed the AR quiz.
- Students will be allowed to check out 1 Sunshine State Book at a time and are encouraged to return them quickly. Holds may be placed on these books.
- All of the Sunshine State Books will remain on a visible display throughout the school year.
- Students can receive credit for a SSYRA book if the teacher reads it to the class. The student should then take an AR test on it.
- Students will be introduced to the books through our weekly media class.
- This program will begin in September and end in May of that school year.
- Students who participate will also be able to vote for their favorites in a statewide event at the end of the year.

Goal for each grade

3rd Grade must read 4 Sunshine State Books

4th Grade must read 5 Sunshine State Books

5th Grade must read 6 Sunshine State Books

If a student meets their goal for their grade level, they will be rewarded with a certificate and an invitation to a special party at the end of the school year. If a student reads **all 15** titles of the SSYRA books, they will be rewarded with a gift certificate to the Spring Book Fair. All of the suggested reading is optional and though participation is encouraged, it is not mandatory.