

Silver Mesa Literacy Month

Dear Parents and Guardians,

March is Literacy month here at Silver Mesa and we are excited to introduce a new theme this year involving **ALL** literary characters. During the month of March, we will have various activities to promote literacy and inspire our students to explore the magical worlds that await them in books. The 3 ½ weeks of literacy events will culminate with Literacy Night on **Tuesday, March 19th**, and team winners will be announced the next day.

As a PTA, we would like you to know what events are planned so that you can encourage your students to read and participate in the literacy-related activities. On Monday, February 26th, your student's class will be sorted into Teams. Each of the "teams" will be competing to earn the most team literacy points and get a trophy to display in their classroom the rest of the year!

Students earn literacy points for their house by:

- Completing OPTIONAL outside-of-class literacy activities listed on their "Optional Literacy Tasks" sheet Your student can complete as many of these optional literacy activities as they would like. Please cut out and initial the completed slips; have your student turn them into their teacher.
- "Literacy Homework" --Students may respond to reading prompts, write news articles, or create themed LEGO creations. * work will be hung up throughout the school for everyone to enjoy*
- Reading at home as assigned in class. (reading log to turn in minutes)
- Sending letters to Silver Mesa teachers and staff via owl. The Owlery is located in the library. (1st week during brain boosters)
- Completing a bookmark with different reading prompts (they will get from library)
- Having a parent or family member come dressed as their favorite literary character to read to the students during library time (look for the sign up)
- Lunchtime activities (thursdays)
- Attending Literacy Night and completing activities that night

Literacy Night 3/19, 5:00 – 8:00 pm:

- Golden ticket scavenger hunt, puppets, origami, create your own magical creature, plant a seed, and much, much more. You won't want to miss this fun filled night!
- Willy Wonka's Candy Shop
- Book Fair *5:00 – 8:00 (open early to avoid crowds)
- Food Trucks *5:00 – 8:00 (open early to avoid crowds)

Can't wait to see you there!
Silver Mesa PTA

