



Sustained Silent Reading (SSR)

March

Please choose a book from the list below to read during SSR time at school and at home. You may need to find these books at your local library due to the limited number of copies in your school library. You are to have your SSR book in your possession EACH day you are in school. This means you are responsible to bring it home for nightly reading and then back to school every morning! Your SSR book will be due Monday, March 28. At this time, you will tell me the title so I can keep a record of your monthly book choice as well as check for reading level appropriateness.

For the SSR book you read, you will be required to complete a reading log and a mini-project to share what you learned from your book. March's reading log and mini-project will be due on the first school day of April. This means you will have an entire month to read your book and complete your project! SSR requirements are reflected in your reading grade so it is imperative that you keep up with the work as much of it is done outside of school time. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Happy Reading!

Book Selection:

This month, you will select a *fantasy* novel for your SSR Project. A fantasy usually describes stories that could not happen in real life. These books contain unrealistic settings, magic, could be set in a medieval universe, or possibly involve mythical beings or supernatural forms.

Book Series to Choose From:

Chronicles of Narnia – C.S. Lewis

Percy Jackson – Rick Riordan

Redwall – Brian Jacques

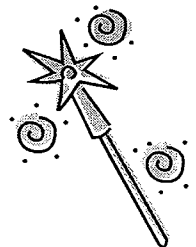
Guardians of Ga'Hoole – Kathryn Lasky

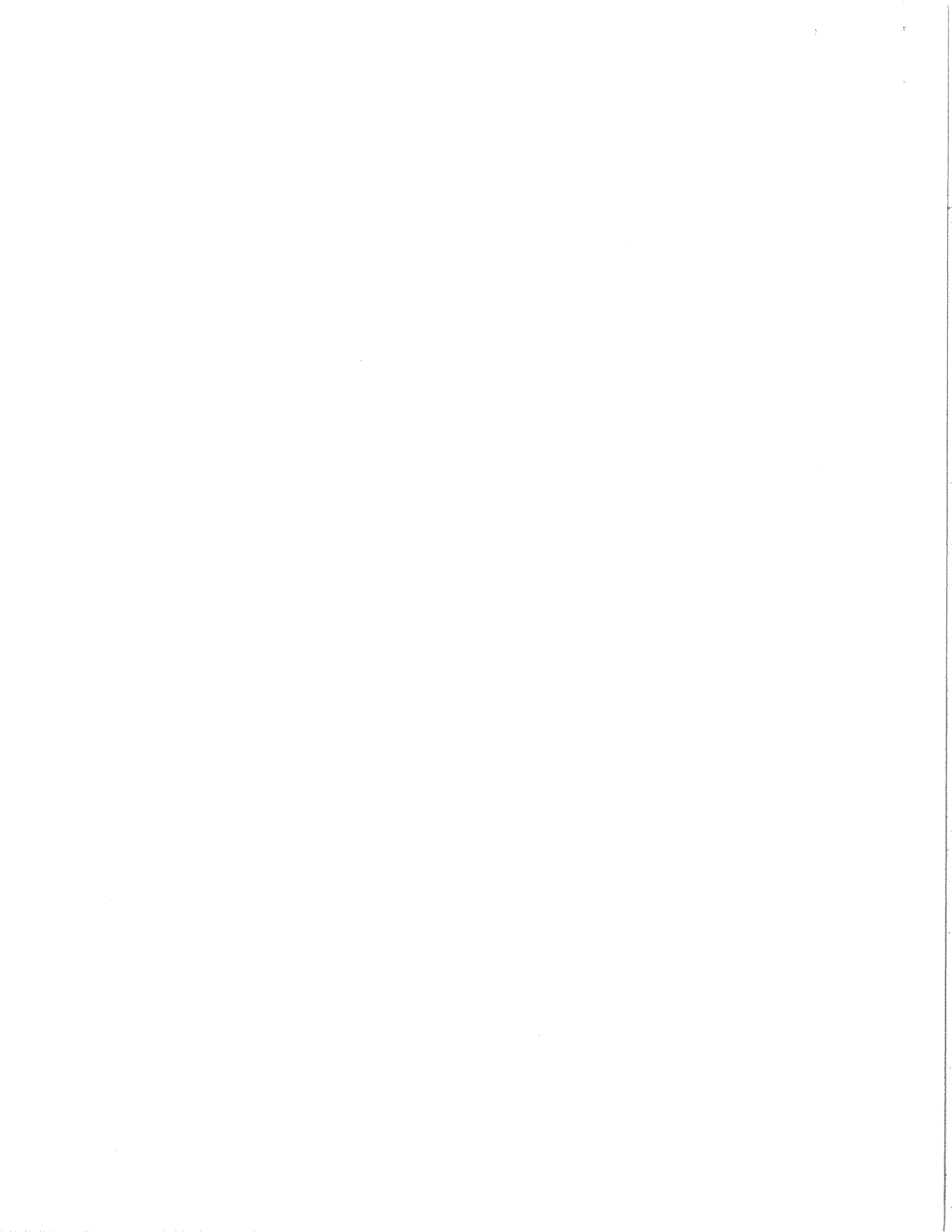
Deltora Quest / Dragons of Deltora – Emily Rodda

Charlie Bone – Jenny Nimmo

Pendragon – D.J. MacHale

* See attached sheet
for more options!





Twists on Reality

Aliens on Vacation

Clete Barrett-Smith

JF SMITH, CLETE

Scrub isn't happy about having to spend the summer with his hippie grandmother in "Middle of Nowhere," Washington. When he arrives at her intergalactic Bed & Breakfast, he's not surprised by its Star Wars decor, but he is surprised by the weird looking guests. It turns out that each room in the inn is a portal and his grandma is the gatekeeper, allowing aliens to vacation on Earth.

Breadcrumbs

Anne Ursu

JF URSU, ANNE

Once upon a time, Hazel and Jack were best friends. But that was before he stopped talking to her and disappeared into a forest with a mysterious woman made of ice. Now it's up to Hazel to go in after him.

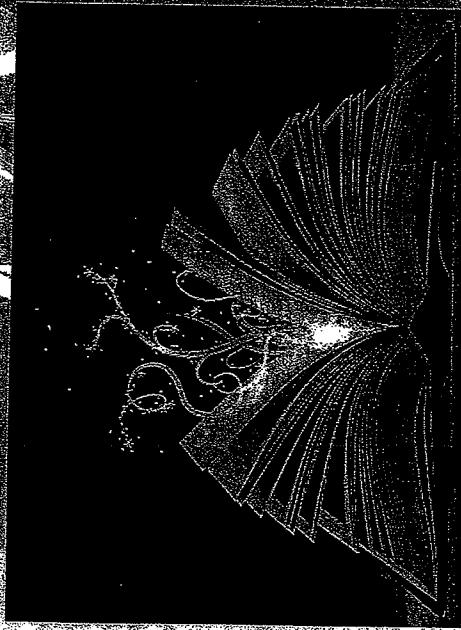
Invisible Inking

Jenkins, Emily

JF JENKINS, EMILY

The thing about Hank's new friend Inking is, he's an invisible bandapat, a creature native only to the Peruvian Woods of Mystery. Now Inking has found his way to Brooklyn and into Hank's laundry basket on his quest for squash bandapats' favorite food. But Hank has bigger problems than helping Inking fend off maniac doggies and search for yummy pumpkins: Bruno Gillicut is a lunch-stealing dirtbug caveperson and he's got to be stopped. And who better to help stand up to a bully than an invisible friend?

A Guide to Juvenile Fiction Fantasy Books



A sample list of
books especially
recommended for
children ages 9-13

The Graveyard Book

Neil Gaiman

JF GAIMAN, NEIL

Nobody Owens or Bod for short, is a normal boy. Well, he would be normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts. There are dangers and adventures in the graveyard but if Bod leaves the graveyard then he will come under attack from the man Jack who has already killed Bod's family.

Skulduggery Pleasant

Landy, Derek

JF LANDY, DEREK

An old foe is bent on bringing back to life the horrible Grotosquery, an unkillable monster assembled from the most fearsome beasts of legend. It's up to the ingenious, fearless, and hilarious Skulduggery and his apprentice Valkyrie Cain (a.k.a. Stephanie Edgely) to stop it.

Dial-a-ghost

Eva Ibbotson

JF IBBOTSON, EVA

Miss Pringle and Mrs. Mannering, founders of the Adopt-A-Ghost agency, are delighted when they find homes for two of their hard-to-place clients, the Wilkinson family of five and the Shriekers. Due to a clerical error, the spirits wind up in the wrong homes. The comedy of errors becomes more complicated by the minute as murderous plots are foiled, ghost busters are hired and the identity of the Shriekers' long-lost daughter is uncovered.



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Quests and Quandaries

The Underland Chronicles

by Suzanne Collins
JF COLLINS, SUZANNE

When eleven-year-old Gregor follows his little sister through a grate in the laundry room of their New York apartment, he hurtles into the dark Underland beneath the city. There, humans live uneasily beside giant spiders, bats, cockroaches, and rats but the fragile peace is about to fall apart.

A Wrinkle in Time

by Madeleine L'Engle
JF L'ENGLE, MADELEINE

Meg's father had been experimenting with the fifth dimension of time travel when he mysteriously disappeared. Now the time has come for Meg, her friend Calvin, and her younger brother Charles to rescue him. But can they outwit the forces of evil they will encounter on their heart-stopping journey through space?

Thomas and the Dragon Queen

by Shutta Crum
JF CRUM, SHUTTA

A kingdom is at war. A princess kidnapped by a dragon queen. A brave squire volunteers to set out on a quest to rescue her. But there's just one small problem. He's Thomas, the shortest of all the squires. Thomas will have to use all of his courage and determination to rescue the princess from a most fearsome dragon—and an even more fearsome fate!

Rowan of Rin

by Emily Rodda
JS RODDA, EMILY

Rowan doesn't believe he has a brave heart. But when the river that supports his village of Rin runs dry, he must join a dangerous journey to its source in the forbidden Mountain. To save Rin, Rowan and his companions must conquer not only the Mountain's many tricks, but also the fierce dragon that lives at its peak.

Magical Mayhem

Into the Woods

by Lyn Gardner
JF GARDNER, LYNN

Storm, Aurora, and Anything Eden live in a delectable mansion on the edge of the woods. When an accident leaves them orphaned, these three courageous and eccentric sisters are forced to flee into the woods, where they encounter kidnappers, sweet-filled ophanages, mountains of ice, diamond mines, and some ravenously hungry wolves.

Liesel & Po

by Lauren Oliver
JF OLIVER, LAUREN

Liesel is a recent orphan, kept locked in an attic room by her stepmother ever since the death of her father. But one day she discovers she's not alone up there; a ghost named Po appears, attracted to Liesl from the Other Side by her drawings. That same night, an alchemist's apprentice, Will, bungles an important delivery. He accidentally switches a box containing the most powerful magic in the world with one containing something decidedly less remarkable. Will's mistake has tremendous consequences for Liesl and Po, and it draws the three of them together on an extraordinary journey.

Howl's Moving Castle

by Diana Wynne Jones
JF JONES, DIANA WYNNE

When Sophie unwittingly attracts the ire of the Witch of the Waste, she finds herself under a horrid spell that transforms her into an old lady. Her only chance at breaking it lies in the ever-moving castle in the hills: the Wizard Howl's castle. Along the way, she discovers that there's far more to Howl—and herself—than first meets the eye.

Extraordinary Animals

Masterpiece

by Elise Broach
JF BROACH, ELISE

Marvin the beetle lives under the kitchen sink in the Pompadour apartment. James Pompadour, an 11-year-old boy, lives in New York City. After James gets a pen-and-ink set, Marvin surprises him by creating an elaborate miniature drawing. James gets all the credit and before these unlikely friends know it they are caught up in a staged art heist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. But James can't go through with the plan without Marvin's help. And that's where things get really complicated (and interesting!).

Secrets of Sea

by Richard Peck
JF PECK, RICHARD

Helena is the oldest of four mouse siblings who live in the walls of the Cranston estate. It is 1887 when the Cranstons decide to take a cruise ship to England in search of a husband for their awkward elder daughter. The Cranston mice stow away in the luggage and so begin the time of their lives, as they meet intriguing, cosmopolitan mice onboard and take it upon themselves to help the human Cranston daughters find love. They might just find perfect futures for themselves as well!

I, Freddy

by Dietlof Reiche
JF REICHE, DIETLOF

Freddy is dissatisfied w/ his monotonous treadmill life at the pet store. He endures countless indignities in order to get himself adopted so he can lead a more civilized life. After a series of funny misadventures he teaches himself to read & write & pens a witty & heartwarming autobiography a/b his journey towards self-improvement.

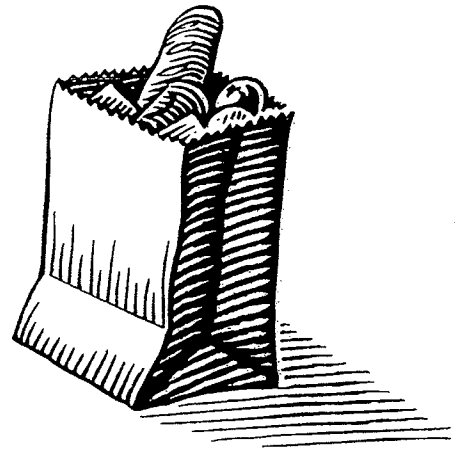
BOOK-IN-A-BAG!

Directions: After reading your SSR book, you are going to create a brown bag book report. On one side of the bag, please glue or tape a typed summary of the book. Please remember that a summary is a good paragraph that must contain the following: Title, author, setting, main characters, problem/solutions, and important details. On the other side of the bag, you will draw an alternate cover for the book and then glue or tape it on. Inside the bag, please place 5 items that are relevant to the story. We will be presenting these to the class.

Rubric:

Summary:

- Title ____/2
- Author ____/2
- Setting ____/2
- Main characters ____/2
- Problems ____/3
- Solutions ____/3
- Important details ____/3
- Topic sentence ____/2
- Closing sentence ____/2
- Editing /Typed ____2



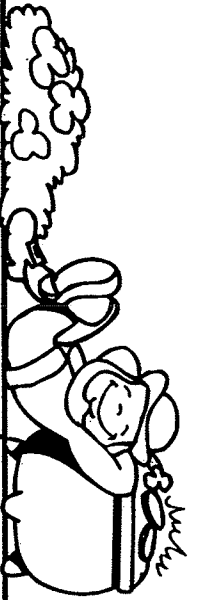
Alternate Book Cover:

- Colored picture (includes title & author) ____/12
- Neatness ____/6
- Takes up more than 80% of cover ____/4

Presentation

- Explains how 5 items relate to the book ____/15
- Speaks loudly and clearly ____/5

TOTAL ____/65



MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				8	9	10
4	5	6	7	15	16	17
11	No School	13	14	22	23	St. Patrick's Day ☘
18	19	20	21	28	29	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Palm Sunday ☘				Mundy Thursday	Good Friday +	No School

End of 3rd Quarter