September 6, 2023

Dear R.L. Stevenson Families,

Each year the Florida Association for Media in Education recognizes a selection of books as the Florida Sunshine State Books or SSYRA books. Each book list features fifteen titles for each grade level bracket: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. The books are a mix of on grade level, above grade level and below grade level titles. The books encompass a variety of genres (realistic fiction, fantasy, sci-fi, etc.) encouraging students in their independent reading.

**What are the books on the list?**

A copy of the Sunshine State books for your child’s grade range may be found on the Media Center website at <https://www.brevardschools.org/domain/7609> . The books can be found in our Media Center (hard copy and ebook), local public libraries, and book stores. Due to limited quantities, only students with signed SSYRA permission slips on file will be permitted to check out the titles on the list prior to the Book Slam event.

**How it works:**

To participate, students will need to read from the books on their list, then complete one activity for each title. No more than 3 of the same activities may be created. **Bold** activities are recommended for K-2 students, however students of all grades are welcome to complete any of the choices. Students will earn a book charm for each completed activity turned in. Finished activities may be displayed in the Media Center before coming home.

Students in grades 3-6, who read at least 5 books will be eligible to participate in “Book Slam”, a celebration of reading achievement! The date and location of Book Slam to be determined. I can be reached best by email at [monroe.jennifer@brevardschools.org](mailto:monroe.jennifer@brevardschools.org)

**Please sign and return:**

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the SSYRA Book Challenge

**(student name)**

**Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Parent Signature Date

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Monroe

**2023 - 2024 SSYRA Activity Sheet**

**\*Must have signed parent permission slip to check out SSYRA books\***

**\*no more than 3 of the same activity\***

| **Design a T-Shirt**  Your design should show a connection to the book. | Plan a Party  Who’s invited?  Any special guests?  What’s on the menu?  What music will you play?  How will you decorate? | **Design a Bookmark** |
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| **Create a Poster**  Don’t copy the book cover!  Use your amazing brain! | Create Trading Cards for 5 characters  Mrs. Monroe has blank Index Cards to use if needed. | **Acrostic Poem - book title or character name** |
| Write a Review  Include: Character info., setting, genre and your own rating, but don’t give away the ending! | **Free Choice Activity**  **Your own idea to show what you know!** | Blackout Poem  Copy a page from the book to create your poem from “found” words by marking through unwanted words. |

**Bold** = Activities recommended for K-2, but they’re welcome to choose any activity!