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Dear Parents,

Reading is the key that will open the door to the rest of your child's education. All students need to develop strong reading skills that they will use every day, in and out of school. That is why we are so excited about our new motivational reading program, Scholastic Reading Counts. This program will allow students to read and take tests on the books they read. With this program, students, teachers, and even you can track the students reading and performance on the quizzes. The students can take their reading comprehension tests here at school, or they can take them at home by logging on through the FCS or NCS website.

Over the next couple of weeks, students will begin by taking a reading placement test through the Scholastic Reading Inventory Program. "Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) is a reading comprehension test that assesses students' reading skills. The score from this test helps teachers track students' reading growth over time, and match readers to books appropriate for their skills. SRI is an adaptive test that adjusts to students' responses. Once students start the test, the difficulty levels of questions change according to students' performance. When the computer has enough information to generate a Lexile® measure, the test stops. SRI has a test bank of 5,119 questions, and is based exclusively on passages from authentic children's literature, both fiction and nonfiction, as well as excerpts from young adult and classic literature, newspapers, magazines, and periodicals." (scholastic.com)

At the completion of the test, students may view a customized Recommended Reading Report based on their results from the SRI test and the types of books they like to read. Students will then be free to read and take quizzes here at school or at home and will be encouraged to read often and set goals for themselves to achieve monthly, quarterly, and even yearly!

Although there will be plenty of classroom incentives to keep students working toward their goals, we need your help too. Discuss the books your child reads. Read aloud after dinner. Talk about books you're reading. If you make reading a fun part of your daily life, your child is certain to succeed.

Another great feature about this new program is their FREE mobile apps that make it easy for students to take quizzes and search for books whenever and wherever! See the attached flyer for more information about where to find these apps.

Please feel free to contact each school's reading coordinators with any questions or suggestions.
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Scholastic Apps

Reading Counts!



FREE

Available on: Apple iPad

About the App:

New for iPad, the app includes a student dashboard highlighting student achievement as well as progress on goals teachers can set individually for each student. In addition, students can review their recommended reading lists of titles within their reading level and based on their interests.

Also available...

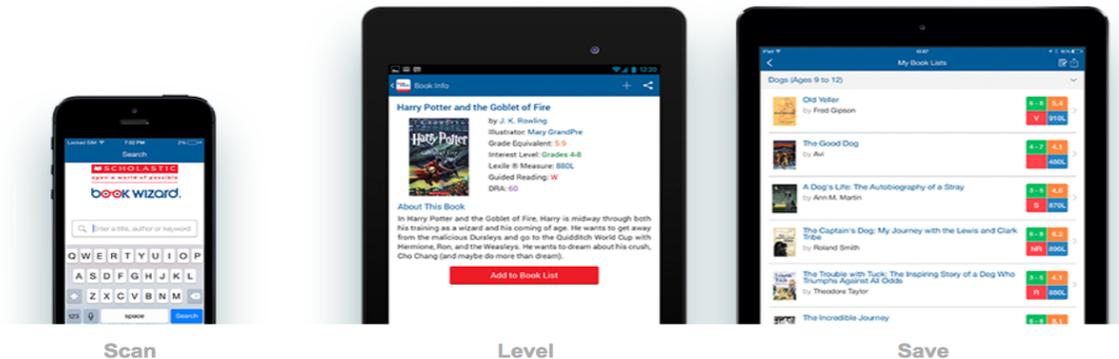
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