

# Library Checkout & Reading Reflections

- When you take a book from the classroom or school library, check it out.
- Write your name, the title and author of the book, along with the book genre on a notecard.
- Put the notecard in the envelope that corresponds with your homeroom class number.
- After you finish reading the book, staple, paste, or tape the notecard into the independent reading section of your notebook.
- Write the question(s) that you are responding to in your notebook. Then, respond to the question.
- Write a reflection for each book read during the quarter (at least 6 sentences).
  - Possible questions to answer in your book reflection:
    - Write about your favorite part of the book and why it was important to the story.
    - Write about something that surprised you or that you found interesting.
    - Describe an interesting or important character from the book. Give an example in the story to tell why.
    - Do you like this book? Give examples from the story to tell why.
    - Describe parts of the book that puzzled you or made you ask questions.
    - Write about an important lesson that was learned in the story.
    - Tell your thoughts or feelings about the **theme** of the story.
    - Explain how the book reminds you of yourself, people you know, or of something that happened in your life.
    - Did the book make you laugh? Cry? Cringe? Smile? Cheer? Explain.
    - What is the most important sentence/paragraph/passage in this book? The most important event or feeling? Explain.
    - In what ways are you like any of the characters? Explain.
    - Do you like the ending of the book? Why or why not? Do you think there is more to tell?
    - What type of reader would enjoy this book? Why?
    - If you could step into the book, what's the first thing you would do?
- Respond to a variety of book reflection questions each quarter.
- If necessary to meet your 6 sentences, you may need to respond to more than one question.
- Quarterly Independent Reading Book Goals

Quarter	* of Books to Read
1 <sup>st</sup>	5 books
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 books
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 books
4 <sup>th</sup>	6 books

- Independent Reading Notebooks will be reviewed throughout each quarter, and graded quarterly.

