**40 Book Challenge**

**Dear Parents,**

**The goal of the 40 Book Challenge is to get students to leave their reading comfort zone and explore new reading genres. Ultimately, we would love to see our students’ love of reading flourish, as well as for students to make big academic gains in reading. Let’s face it, the best way to become a better reader is to read… VORACIOUSLY!**

**Although 40 books sounds like a lot, students will only have to average one book a week. This can be accomplished by reading during our independent reading time at school and spending at least 20 minutes reading daily at home. Some books, like shorter non-fiction books, can be read in a day or two, while some books will obviously take longer to finish. I am confident that all students will be able to achieve the goal of reading 40 “just right” books in class and at home this year.**

**We are in need your help with this project. Please make sure your child is reading every day. which is already part of their homework. Talk about what they are reading as they read their book, as well as talking about the different genres. Having book talks is shown to increase the reader’s understanding as well as their love for reading.**

***The Rules:***

* ***Books we read in class or books that are read by a teacher, count in the 40 book total.***
* ***Students may not read books that they have read in the past.***

* ***Students must use the 40 Book Challenge grid, however, the genres don’t have to be read in any particular order.***
* ***Books must be a minimum of 75 pages. Books that are over 300 pages count as two books!***
* ***For each book read, the students must write it down on their 40 Book Challenge sheet. They need to bring this sheet in every five books and have a discussion with their teacher so we can celebrate!***

**The purpose of this challenge is to get your fourth grader reading books they might not normally choose and to increase their love of reading. We are challenging your fourth grader to read 40 books by the end of the school year, and we know they can do it! Thank you for your support at home!**

**The Fourth Grade Teachers**

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Realistic Fiction - 3

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Traditional Literature (tall tales, fables, myths, legends, fairy tales, etc.) - 2

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