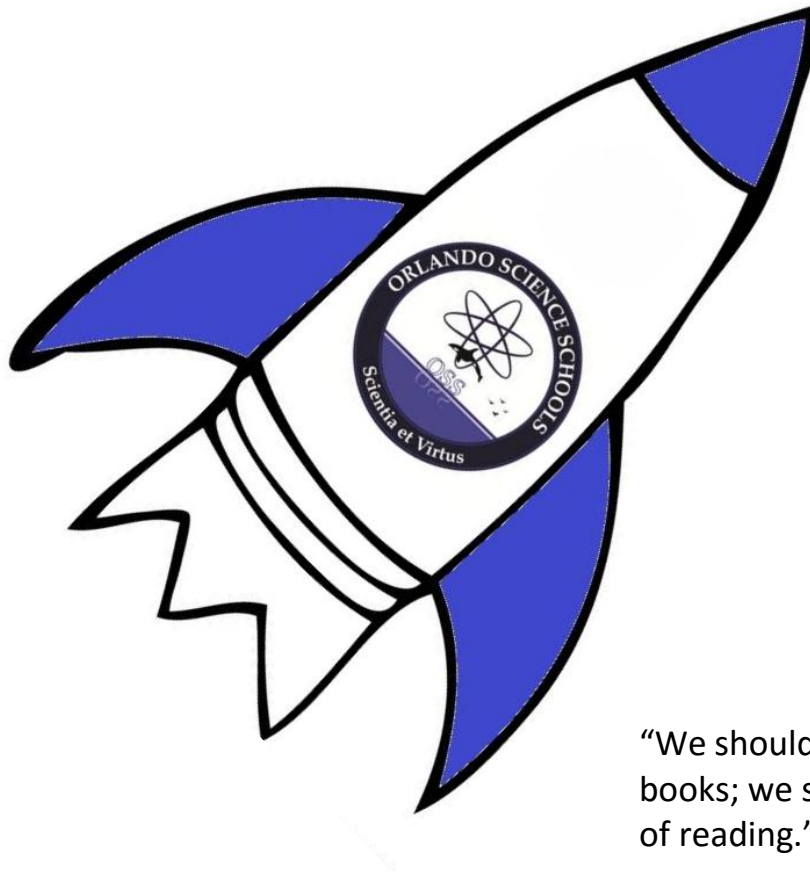


# Orlando Science Elementary School

## “Blast Off With Books”

### 16-17 School Wide Reading Incentive Program



“We shouldn't teach great books; we should teach a love of reading.”

-B.F. Skinner, Inventor

Our primary goal of implementing this reward program is so that each and every student at Orlando Science Elementary School feels encouraged and challenged to read. The “Blast Off With Books” program was created to encourage student reading through a rewards program and unite readers and the school. Readers are rewarded for the number of Accelerated Reader (AR) and Sunshine State Books they read within a specific time period. Every time a student reads an AR book and takes and passes an AR test at 85% or higher (on their specific reading level), they will earn points.

Students can use their OSES Connect login to access the AR program at:  
<https://hosted322.renlearn.com/2598065/>

Students (in grades 3-5) who read Sunshine State Books, and pass their AR tests at 80% or higher, will be eligible for an end of the year celebration. Students must read these books and take the AR tests before May 10 .

Details for both programs are below.

### **A.R. Program Date Ranges**

Period 1: September 1- September 28

Period 5: December 17 –January 25

Period 2: September 29 –October 25

Period 6: January 26-February 22

Period 3: October 26 –November 30

Period 7: February 23 – March 29

Period 4: December 1 –December 14

Period 8: March 30 – May 3

### **A.R. Celebration Days**

Period 1: September 30

Period 5: January 27

Period 2: October 27

Period 6: February 24

Period 3: December 2

Period 7: March 31

Period 4: December 16

Period 8: May 5



### **Minimum points earned needed to participate in AR Celebration Days**

Kindergarten (4 Points)

1<sup>st</sup> Grade (6 Points)

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (9 Points)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (16 Points)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade (21 Points)

5<sup>th</sup> Grade (26 Points)

### **Minimum points total needed to participate in AR End of Year Celebration**

Kindergarten (32 Points)

1<sup>st</sup> Grade (48 Points)

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (72 Points)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (128 Points)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade (168 Points)

5<sup>th</sup> Grade (208 Points)

## **A.R. End of Year Celebration**

May 12

### **Florida Sunshine State Total Books Read (at 80% or Higher) needed to participate in End of Year Celebration**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (9 Books)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade (10 Books)

5<sup>th</sup> Grade (11 Books)

### **Florida Sunshine State Books End of Year Celebration**

May 19



## Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2016-2017 List for Grades 3-5



### ***Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff**

Have you ever felt like you could never do anything right? And you spend most of your life trying to figure out what you're good at? Albie spends most of his time wondering just that. His new babysitter, Calista, opens up a world of adventures teaching him new skills and sometimes getting him in trouble.



### ***All Four Stars* by Tara Dairman**

Gladys has been cooking gourmet dishes since the age of seven, just don't tell her microwave-loving parents! After a small accident involving the crème brûlée, Gladys is cut off from the kitchen. But when Gladys is mistakenly offered an opportunity to write for a major newspaper as a food writer in New York City, she sets off to live her dream and keep her true identity a secret. Just, still don't tell her parents!



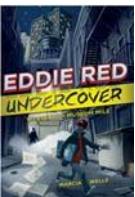
### ***Circus Mirandus* by Cassie Beasley**

Micah's grandfather, Ephraim, has always shared stories with him about Circus Mirandus, a magical circus. As his grandfather is dying, Micah realizes the stories are true. Can the magic of the mysterious circus save his grandfather from dying? Micah is determined to find out.



### ***Dinosaur Boy* by Cory Putman Oakes**

The summer before he begins fifth grade, Sawyer sprouts a tail with spikes. As a result, he is bullied in school. When the bullies begin to disappear, Sawyer, his best friend Elliot, and the new girl in school know they need to get to the bottom of the mystery before it is too late.



### ***Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile* by Marcia Wells**

Sixth-grader Edmund Xavier Lonnot code-name "Eddie Red," has a photographic memory and a talent for drawing anything he sees. When the NYPD is stumped by a mastermind art thief, Eddie becomes their secret weapon, drawing Eddie deeper into New York's famous Museum Mile. Can Eddie help catch the thieves in time, or will his first big case be his last?



### ***Fish Finelli: Seagulls Don't Eat Pickles* by E.S. Farber**

When the town bully bets nine-year-old Norman "Fish" Finelli that he can't find Captain Kidd's famous treasure, Fish and his friends embark on a quest to discover the pirate's buried wooden trunk of lost booty.



### ***Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

Ally uses her strengths in math and art, along with some behavior distractions, to help her get through school. When a new teacher discovers Ally's dyslexia, he builds up Ally's confidence, as well as her ability to read, maybe for the first time ever. With the help of her new friends, Ally learns that it is not always about fitting in, but about what it means to find a place that fits.



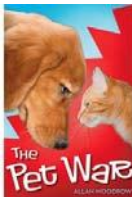
***Gabby Duran and the Unsittables* by Daryle Conners and Elise Allen**

Gabby Duran, babysitter extraordinaire, has many celebrity clients all over the country. She soon finds herself as the newest associate working for the Association Linking Intergalactics and Earthlings (also known as A.L.I.E.N.) as a babysitter for the “unsittables” — some of the galaxy’s toughest extraterrestrials!



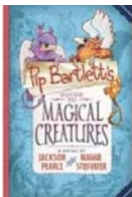
***Half a Chance* by Cynthia Lord**

Lucy’s family moves to a small, lakeside community in New Hampshire. She and her new friend Nate secretly plan to spend the summer taking photos for a contest which her professional photographer father will be judging. To their surprise, they learn that photos can sometimes show more than people want to see.



***The Pet War* by Allen Woodrow**

Eleven-year-old Otto’s desire for a dog turns into sibling rivalry when his older sister, Lexi, claims she wants a cat. Their mother wants neither. The competition is on after their mother gives them a challenge: whomever can earn \$500 in a month will get the pet of his or her choice. As the competition gets fiercer, the stakes get higher. Let the Pet War begin!



***Pip Bartlett’s Guide to Magical Creatures* by Maggie Stiefvater and Jackson Pearce**

Thanks to a Unicorn Incident at her school, Pip spends the summer with her aunt at a clinic for magical creatures. It’s fun... until Fuzzles appear and begin bursting into flames. Pip and her friend Tomas must take quick action to solve the problem before it causes more trouble for all creatures, magical or not.



***Prairie Evers* by Ellen Airgood**

Prairie Evers has been home-schooled her whole life. After a move up north with her family, Prairie finds herself going to public school for the very first time. Prairie discovers that between raising chickens and nurturing a brand new friendship with a girl her age, school and life in upstate New York aren’t quite as bad as she anticipated.



***Serafina’s Promise* by Ann Burg**

Eleven-year-old Serafina’s life in Haiti is filled with chores and struggle. But she dreams of going to school and becoming a doctor. She is still mourning the death of her baby brother when she learns her Manman is about to have another baby. Just as her dreams may come true, her family faces natural disasters and separation. This novel, written in verse, weaves a story of Haitian history, culture, and one girl’s determination to help her family and achieve her dreams.



***The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett and Jory John**

Miles moves to quiet Yawnee Valley with plans to make mischief, but he is quickly involved in a battle to be the best prankster in town. This book is full of many pranks and 1,346 interesting facts about cows!



***The Worm Whisperer* by Betty Hicks**

Fifth grader Ellis Coffey wants to win the annual Woolly Worm Race, because the prize is \$1,000, and his father needs just that amount to pay for his back surgery. To win, he must befriend and train a worm to be the fastest in the race. But will it be enough?

## Tips for Encouraging Reading

- Let your student choose what to read
- Talk about what your student is reading
- Visit the library or bookstore together
- Model reading
- Have books at home
- Make reading a natural part of the day's activities
- Look for books that broaden your student's horizon. These can be the basis for discussion about different cultures, socioeconomic conditions, and beliefs
- Sit next to your child so you can share the illustrations in a picture book

Teachers will continue to encourage their students to read in class and may offer additional reading incentives.

Students are encouraged to get an OCLS library card: [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info)



**Now Prepare for Blast Off!**