

**Orlando Science Schools**  
**“Blast Off With Books”**  
**2020-2021**  
**Grades K-6 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 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. AR Celebrations may vary from grade to grade. Parent volunteers are encouraged to help with celebrations.

Students can use their OSES Connect login to access the AR program at:

<https://global-zone20.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/2598065> or <http://bit.ly/newosesAR>

Students who read Sunshine State Books, and pass their AR tests at 80% or higher, will be eligible for an end of the year celebration.

Details for the program are below.

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

Period 1: August 10- September 30

Period 5: January 4 –January 31

Period 2: October 1 –October 31

Period 6: February 1-February 28

Period 3: November 1 –November 30

Period 7: March 1 – March 31

Period 4: December 1–January 3

Period 8: April 1– April 30

Period 9: May 1 – May 21

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

Due to COVID-19, AR celebration days will look very different this year. Classroom teachers will relay information with families about AR celebration days.

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

Kindergarten (3 Points)	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade (14 Points)
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade (6 Points)	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade (19 Points)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade (8 Points)	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (21 Points)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade (11 Points)	

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

Kindergarten (24 Points)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade (48 Points)	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade (120 Points)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade (72 Points)	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade (168 Points)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade (96 Points)	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (168 Points)

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

Kindergarten (6 Books)	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade (10 Books)
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade (7 Books)	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade (11 Books)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade (8- Books)	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (12 Books)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade (9 Books)	



**Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2020-2021**

**List for Grades K-2**

- Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas, written and illustrated by Aaron Blabey
- Can I Be Your Dog? Written and illustrated by Troy Cummings
- When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree, written by Jamie L. B. Deenihan, illustrated by Lorraine Rocha
- Dandy, written by Ame Dyckman, illustrated by Charles Santoso
- Pencil : a Story With a Point, written by Ann Ingalls, Illustrated by Dean Griffiths
- Superbuns! Written and illustrated by Diane Kredensor
- T-Bone the Drone, written and illustrated by Shanda McCloskey
- Ella McKeen, Kickball Queen, written and illustrated by Beth Mills
- The Proudest Blue, written by Ibtihaj Muhammad, illustrated by Hatem Aly
- The Panda Problem, written by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Hannah Marks
- Smell My Foot, written and illustrated by Cece Bell
- Truman the Dog (My Furry Foster Family), written by Debbi Michiko Florence, illustrated by Melanie Demmer
- Frank & Bean, written by Jamie Michalak, Illustrated by Bob Kolar
- The Quiet Boat Ride, written and illustrated by Sergio Ruzzier
- Happy Fell, written by Erica S. Perl, illustrated by Chris Chatterton

**List for Grades 3-5**

- Attack of the Not-So-Virtual Monsters by Kim Harrington
- Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker by Shelley Johannes
- Bernice Buttman, Model Citizen by Niki Lenz
- Caterpillar Summer by Gillian McDunn
- Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott
- How I Became a Spy: a Mystery of WWII London by Deborah Hopkinson
- Inkling by Kenneth Oppel
- Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat by Johnny Marciano and Emily Chenoweth
- Olga and the Smelly Thing from Nowhere by Elise Gravel
- Operation Frog Effect by Sarah Scheerger
- Planet Earth is Blue by Nicole Panteleakos
- Power Forward by Hena Khan
- Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen by Candace Fleming
- The Unicorn in the Barn by Jacqueline K Ogburn
- Voyage of the Dogs by Greg Van Eekout

## List for Grades 6-8

Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan Calejo  
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya  
New Kid by Jerry Craft  
Spark by Sarah Beth Durst  
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart  
Scouts by Shannon Greenland  
Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald  
Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood  
Song For a Whale by Lynee Kelly  
Deep Water by Ashley Watt Key  
Float by Laura Martin  
Inkling by Kenneth Oppel  
City Spies by James Ponti  
We're Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey  
The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman


## 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)



ALL ORLANDO SCIENCE CHARTER STUDENTS HAVE 

**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY VIRTUAL ACCESS**

**LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS**

**USERNAME:** "OS"+ STUDENT ID #  
(I.E. OS4804123456)

**PASSWORD:** STUDENT BIRTHDAY  
YYYYMMDD (I.E. 20060101)

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