

From the Bookshelf

Notes and Updates from the Lower School/Upper School Libraries

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Readers are Leaders Program 2024-2025

The CDS Library offers a special reading program as an incentive to encourage reading in our lower and middle school students. This program is a voluntary activity to provide young students with an annual reading list of outstanding, age-appropriate books that convey wholesome values, feature uplifting characters, and inspire students toward positive goals.

The Program is divided into four lists: Lamb (grades 1-2), Lion (grades 3-4), Lantern (5-6) and Lighthouse (grades 7-8). The Lamb's List books will be read to the Kindergarten classes and they will vote on their favorite book at the end of the program.

We will launch this year's program in September. Students will receive a bookmark with this year's list of titles that they can keep at home for reference. The Library will have copies of each title and they are also available at the local public libraries. Once the book has been read, students will complete a response sheet in the library. Students will earn fun rewards along the way with the completion of response sheets.

The Readers are Leaders Program closes on Friday, May 9th, 2025. This time frame allows for plenty of time to complete the reading throughout the school year. All students completing the program will be invited to a special "Readers are Leaders Party" held in their respective libraries.

If you have additional questions or need further information, please feel free to contact the library staff. We look forward to partnering with you in encouraging your child to develop a lifelong love of books and reading!

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The following are the incentives for each program level:

Lamb's List for grades 1-2

3 books read – lollipop during library time

6 books read – coupon for a free ice cream

9 books read – coupon for a free book at the CDS Spring Book Fair

12 books read – medal at time of completion; invitation to the “Readers Are Leaders Party” held in the library where they will vote for their favorite book

Lion's List for grades 3-4

2 books read – lollipop during library time and homework pass

5 books read – coupon for a free ice cream

7 books read – coupon for a free book at the CDS Spring Book Fair

10 books read – medal at time of completion; invitation to the “Readers Are Leaders Party” held in the library where they will vote for their favorite book

Lighthouse List for grades 5-6

1 book read – candy grab

3 books read – LA Homework pass

6 books read – coupon for a free ice cream

10 books read – coupon for a free book at the CDS Spring Book Fair and invitation to the “Readers Are Leaders Party” held in the library where they will vote for their favorite book

Lighthouse List for grades 7-8

1 book read – candy grab

3 books read – LA Homework pass

6 books read – coupon for a free ice cream cone

10 books read – Barnes and Noble gift card; invitation to the “Readers Are Leaders Party” held in the library where they will vote for their favorite book