

### **Silent Reading Book Club Chat**

*Combining good food, good conversation and good literature!*

Our silent reading assessment for this semester will be an informal book club style chat. You will be sharing your SR book with your fellow classmates while relaxing and enjoying a dish inspired by your book. You will share your reflections and observations about what you have read with your group. These conversations will expose you to a book you might not otherwise know about. Hopefully, you will walk away with book titles you are excited to read!

#### **This project consists of 4 parts:**

- 1. The Passage: Hook your group members!** Choose an exciting, interesting or otherwise powerful passage to read to your group. The passage should be long enough (at least a page in length) to reveal something interesting about the storyline or provide insight into a main character. Practice reading this passage aloud for maximum dramatic effect. Think of this as your Super Starting Device - the best your book has to offer!
- 2. Visually Stimulating: A picture is worth a thousand words!** Create a unique & colorful 8½"x11" poster with the title of the book, the author, and at least one powerful symbol from the book incorporated into your collage or drawing. I am looking to see that you have invested time, energy and effort into this visual.
- 3. Honest Reaction: Is this book worth reading?** Write an 8-12 sentence reflection about your book. This reflection should focus on your reaction to the book. What did you enjoy - and not enjoy - about this book? Do you connect with the subject of the book or with a character in the book? What was your favorite part of the book? Why? Would you recommend this book to a classmate? Why or why not? What type of reader would enjoy this book?
- 4. The Perfect Dish: This book makes me crave...** Choose a food or beverage that you think goes nicely with this particular book and bring it in to share. Is there a scene that involves a particular type of food? Are the characters from a distinct cultural background that specializes in a particular type of food? Is your story sad or emotionally draining and therefore results in cravings for "comfort food"? Is your book a teen-read where the character is addicted to pizza or popcorn flavored jelly beans? Is your action adventure taking place on a climb to Mt. Everest where the characters only have access to Cliff Bars or freeze dried meals? Look at the details in your book and come up with something creative to share with your group of approximately 5 students. Write a 4-6 sentence explanation of how this food goes with your book.

#### **Rubric Breakdown:**

- 10 points- Quality of passage & overall group conversation
- 10 points- Quality of visual
- 10 points- Quality of reflection/critique
- 10 points- Food and explanation of why you chose the particular food or drink

*Adapted from "Fun Assessment for SSR" (catlintucker.com) and "Random Acts of Reading" (randomhousekids.com)*