



# Welcome to BOOK CLUB!

Your child is reading at a fourth grade level or above. Isn't that exciting? In order to continue to help them grow in their reading, speaking, collaboration, and other academic skills, they have become a part of BOOK CLUB. BOOK CLUB is a time in which students gather together in small groups to discuss a book that they are all reading.

BOOK CLUB meets nearly every day. Students are grouped based primarily on their reading level. Students are expected to come to BOOK CLUB with their reading and their pre-discussion work complete. Each day during BOOK CLUB, students are given 10-15 minutes to discuss their reading. These discussions are completely student led. Then students are given 15-20 minutes to read and prepare for the next day's discussion. Most students are able to complete both their reading and their pre-discussion work during that time. A few students do have BOOK CLUB homework, if they are unable to manage their time wisely.

Ms. Duggleby is available to all the groups during BOOK CLUB time. She walks around the room, helping discussions get started, asking questions, providing feedback, and reading with different students everyday. She has high expectations for all participants and is excited as they are improving.

The BOOK CLUB members and Ms. Duggleby worked together to create a set of norms for their time together. Some of those norms include: Students must be present for BOOK CLUB, and All work must be completed before BOOK CLUB discussions begin. The students and Ms. Duggleby agree that "BOOK CLUB is a privilege." Students that show high commitment to BOOK CLUB or extreme growth will be invited to a celebration lunch approximately once a month.

Also, be aware that as these discussions are student led sometimes students make unpredictable statements. For instance, one group has already predicted several times that a boy and girl main character would fall in love and "make out". Rest assured that Ms. Duggleby has read every book that she puts into the hands of the BOOK CLUB members and she is quick to redirect conversations if there is the possibility of any student(or parent) feeling uncomfortable. As your child grows to higher level groups and becomes a more mature student, Ms. Duggleby may want to expose them to more complex readings. In this case, Ms. Duggleby may request that you fill out a permission slip if she feels that a book may have themes that are mature for a second or third grade student. Students without signed permission slips would be placed in another group if a mature topic was being read about. (This would involve books like Old Yeller or Tom Sawyer.)

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Duggleby. [bduggleby@inspireacademymuncie.org](mailto:bduggleby@inspireacademymuncie.org).