



## **Teacher FAQ for Silent Sustained Reading**

**What should Silent Sustained Reading look like in your classroom?**

- 1. All students should be engaged in some form of silent reading.**
- 2. Teachers should be modeling reading during this time to show the importance of reading. (Think of all the fun stuff you can read too!)**
- 3. If students are not disruptive it is ok to sit by their friends, sit/lay on the floor, etc. (You don't want to let them sleep, but let them get comfortable!!!)**
- 4. Have reading materials accessible to students during this time.**
  - a. Do not penalize students for not bringing materials, simply help direct them to materials that are available.**
  - b. If students are not enjoying their book, allow them to select another that they will enjoy better.**
  - c. There are no tests, grades, etc. for this time.**
- 5. Teachers may also choose to read aloud to a group of students.**
- 6. Signal students when reading time begins and ends.**
- 7. Have signs available to students:**
  - a. Reminding them that they need reading materials on Wednesdays.**
  - b. Reminding them when they need to go to the Cafeteria for reading.**
- 8. If you find that kids are struggling during this time, talk to the counselors.**

## What should kids be reading during this time?



- Books
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Comic Books
- Short Stories

## How can you encourage students to read?

- Share the Research.
- Model enjoyment of reading.
  - a. Share books you enjoy reading.
  - b. Move from your desk to sit with your students while reading.
- After reading time, use the last 5 minutes to:
  - a. Short read aloud / Booktalk.
  - b. Student share of “good parts” with class or friends.



## Other ways to turn classroom into a friendly reading environment:

- Create a time for students to share reading suggestions.
- Create a space for students to post reading suggestions.
- Have a classroom library with a wide selection of books.
- Provide books with a range of readability.
- Create a classroom book display.
- Play soft music (if acceptable to everyone).

