Tamarac School and PTA proudly presents

Its' 2018 PARP Program

TAMAR "APPS"

Each year the Tamarac community participates in the PARP program to foster a love of reading in our children. PARP which stands for Pick A Reading Partner, is a voluntary program where parents, staff and the community collaborate to build a reading partnership between the home and school. It encourages parents, siblings, and friends to read with the children daily, stressing the fact that reading can be fun as well as informative. The choice of reading materials can vary from books to anything with printed words. This year, Tamarac’s PARP program is going “techie” and will run from December until the beginning of May. Each month will focus on a different component of books and reading. Fiction, Non-fiction, graphic novels, picture books... books come in all different shapes and sizes, and we are going to celebrate them all. There will be programs, activities and lots of fun and surprises. We will be doing grade level book clubs and bringing back the New to You Book Shoppe. Book Club is a grade level book read where the children will meet after school to talk about it and do some great activities. For all of these events, students will have an opportunity to earn
“apps” for their SharkPad. (Please note, the SharkPad is made of cardstock and the apps are stickers. The Shark Pads will remain in the classrooms.) Students will earn their 1st “app” just for participating. There will be many opportunities throughout the year to earn “apps.” More information will be sent home as it becomes available. So far... this is what is confirmed...

**December**

- PARP Kickoff
- Participation **APP 1**
- Gummy Book Worm Contest (In School activity)
- Book Drive For New To You Book Shoppe
- Fiction (Return Completed “Monthly Re-Boot” page by 1/2/18, attached **APP 2**)
- Winter Photo Contest 1/15/18 (see attached flyer) **APP 3**

**January**

- Graphic Novels /Picture Books
  - (Return Completed “Monthly Re-Boot” page by 2/5/18, attached **APP 4**)
  - SKYPE (Date tbd)
  - New To You Book Shoppe (Date tbd)
  - Create a page from a Graphic Novel 1/15/18 **APP 5**
  - 2-3 Book Club (Book tbd)

**February**

- Non- Fiction (Return Completed “Monthly Re-Boot” page by 3/5/18, attached **APP 6**)
  - Author (Date tbd)
  - Design a bookmark 3/5/18 **APP 7**
  - K-1 Book Club (book tbd)
  - 4-5 Book Club (book tbd)
March
Dr. Seuss (Return Completed “Monthly Re-Boot” page by 4/9/18, attached APP 8)
All the Places You’ll go Post Card project APP 9

April
Poetry (Return Completed “Monthly Re-Boot” page by 5/1/18, attached APP 10)
Darren Sardelli (4/26/18)
Poem in My Pocket APP 11

May
PARP Celebration
Author (5/9)

All activities are during the day at school unless otherwise noted.

Additional information will be sent home, if needed as the program progresses.

The committee is hard at work scheduling. As soon as the calendar is complete, it will be distributed and will also be available on the Tamarac website and the PTA Facebook page.*

*calendar is subject to change.

The Committee will record student participation for each class. Class participation will be tracked by completed SharkPad forms. (see bottom tear-off) To participate in the program, please complete the participation slip and return it to school by December 5, 2017.

Each month participating students will return a completed “Monthly reboot” page to their classroom teacher. They will have the entire month to complete it. Each page will be relevant to the genre that we are focused on for that given month. We won’t be counting how many books are read, or how many minutes are read. We just want the students excited to read and we want to hear what they think about what they are reading. We want to expose them to different genres and writing styles. Hopefully they will pick up something that they didn’t think they were interested in and love it. Of course, there will be contests.... We love PARP contests. The first is class participation. To participate, all you have to do is complete the
attached contract and return it by December 5, 2017. All classes with 100% participation will be rewarded.

Other contests to look forward to are; Design a Bookmark, Poem in My Pocket, Create pages of a graphic novel, winter photo contest and more.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PARP Committee at tamaracparp@gmail.com.

This is going to be a fantastic year!
We are looking forward to you joining P.A.R.P. on Tour!

Please complete and return the bottom portion of this page to your classroom teacher by December 5, 2017.

(cut here)

Yes! I want earn APPS for my SharkPad!

Name/Teacher/Section: ________________________________

Student's Signature: ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________
Just in time for the pre-holiday purge! Students can donate new or gently used books in the front lobby of the school from December 11 to January 17. Books should be appropriate for school age children (K-5) only. All the books that are collected will be sold to students at Tamarac's

New To You
Book Shop

Each book will cost $1. A notice will be sent home with days and times that your child's class will be able to shop. All proceeds will benefit the students at Tamarac and will go towards bringing in literacy programs, guest authors and illustrators and other events to nurture the love of reading.

"A book is a gift you can open again and again."
- Garrison Keillor-

You can contact the PARP committee at tamaracparp@gmail.com with any questions!
Let's Read Fiction!

due back to your classroom teacher by 1/2/18

Fiction (noun):

1. writing that tells a story made up in a writer's imagination. Fiction is usually written in prose, not poetry. Novels, short stories and tales are pieces of fiction.

2. Something made up or not true.

Have you read any fiction books that you would recommend to a friend?

Do you have a favorite fiction book? If so, why is it your favorite?

Do you have a favorite fictional character? Or is there a character that you don't like? Who is it and what book are they from? Why do you like them... or not...

Do you have a favorite author who writes fiction?

Don't forget to fill out the back!
My Book Review For:

Title: 
Author: 
Date: 

The book was about:

I loved:

Meanwhile...

Reading this book made me wonder about:

My favourite quotes were...

Overall, this book was:

I give the book: ★★★★★ stars!

THE END.
December Contest

Winter Photo Contest

email your photos by 1/5/18

What are you doing over the winter break? Whatever it is we hope you are going to be reading! Send us your most creative Winter Break Photo of you reading in a fun, safe, creative space!

-Only Tamarac students may be in the photos.-

email your photos with "Winter Photo Contest" in the subject line to tamaracparp@gmail.com

All photos must be in .jpg format.

be sure to include student name/teacher/section in your email.
Let's Read
Graphic Novels!
due back to your classroom teacher by 2/5/18

Graphic Novel (noun):

1. a work of fiction or non-fiction that tells a story using comic strips and is published as a book.

Have you read any Graphic Novels that you would recommend to a friend?

Do you have a favorite Graphic Novel book? If so, why is it your favorite?

What do you like/dislike about Graphic Novels?

Do you have a favorite author/illustrator who writes Graphic Novels?

Don't forget to fill out the back!
My Book Review For:

Title:  
Author:  
Date:  

THE BOOK WAS ABOUT:

I LOVED:

MEANWHILE...

Reading this book made me wonder about:

My favourite quotes were...

OVERALL, THIS BOOK WAS:

I give the book: ★★★★★ stars!

THE END.
January Contest

Create an Original Page From A Graphic Novel
due back to your classroom teacher before 1/15/18

"The term “graphic novel” is generally used to describe any book in a comic format that resembles a novel in length and narrative development. Graphic novels are a subgenre of “comics,” which is a word you may also hear people use when referring to this style of book. Graphic novels powerfully attract and motivate kids to read." (Scholastic) A story in a graphic novel is told in pictures and mostly dialog.

Graphic novels have become very popular... maybe you have heard of a few...

Now is your chance to get your creative juices flowing and create a page from your very own graphic novel. Complete and return a graphic novel template to your classroom teacher by 1/15. There are 3 templates attached, you need only return 1. Entries will be judged on creativity, dialog and illustrations. We cannot wait to see what the students of Tamarac come up with! Have fun!
Create a Page From a Graphic Novel

Template A

Name/Teacher/Section:
Create a Page From a Graphic Novel
Template B

Name/Teacher/Section:
Create a Page From a Graphic Novel

Template C

Name/Teacher/Section:
February Re-Boot

Let's Read Non-Fiction!

due back to your classroom teacher by 3/5/18

Non-fiction (noun):

1. writing that is about facts and real events

Have you read any non-fiction books that you would recommend to a friend?

Do you have a favorite non-fiction book? If so, why is it your favorite?

Do you like reading non-fiction books about people, events or science?

What are some things you have learned from reading non-fiction?

Don't forget to fill out the back!
February Contest

Design a bookmark

please return to your classroom teacher by 3/5/18

Break out your markers, crayons and your creative flair and design a bookmark! The theme of this contest is

"Tamarac loves to Read"

student name/teacher/section:
Dr. Seuss (biographical name):

1. Theodor Seuss 1904–1991 pseudonym Dr. Seuss, American writer and illustrator

Everyone has a favorite Dr. Seuss book.

What is yours? Tell us all about it!
Let's Read Poetry!

due back to your classroom teacher by 5/1/18

Poetry (noun):

1. literary work in which special intensity is given to the expression of feelings and ideas by the use of distinctive style and rhythm; poems collectively or as a genre of literature

Do you have a favorite poem? What is it called and who wrote it? Did the poet achieve their purpose? (see left)

Poet's Purpose

What Do Poets Do?

* Share feelings (joy, anger, sadness, fear, wonder)
* Tell a story
* Send a message (something to think about)
* Be humorous
* Provide description (person, thing)

Don't forget to fill out the back!
I am poem

I am __________
I wonder __________
I hear __________
I see __________
I want __________
I am __________

I pretend __________
I feel __________
I touch __________
I worry __________
I cry __________
I am __________

I understand __________
I say __________
I dream __________
I try __________
I hope __________
I am __________

Name/Teacher/Section: