

Samoset's P.O.W.E.R. Time

Providing Opportunities With Everyday Reading



WHAT IS P.O.W.E.R. TIME?

P.O.W.E.R. Time is an acronym used for periods of silent and sustained reading in which all administrators, teachers, staff and students read literature for enjoyment. The adults model for the students the habit of reading every day for pleasure, and the students are provided with regular, quiet time to enjoy a piece of literature of their choice.

WHY ARE THE ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY PROVIDING SAMOSET'S STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYDAY READING?

The New Common Core Standards for New York State require all students to silently read and independently comprehend much more complex literature at each grade level. In addition, current educational research has proven that providing middle school students with a regularly-scheduled period of time for silent reading has improved the reading comprehension levels of all students who participate, and it often convinces students who don't typically read on their own that reading can be an enjoyable hobby. Research also demonstrates that sustained silent reading develops literacy, reading comprehension, writing, spelling, vocabulary, and grammar skills.

P.O.W.E.R. TIME WILL BE SCHEDULED INTO THE SCHOOL DAY:

Beginning on Monday, February 6, 2012, our bell schedule will change to include a twelve minute P.O.W.E.R. Time directly after second period every day of the week. Students will stay with their second period teacher and read a piece of literature of their choice silently for twelve minutes before moving onto their regularly scheduled third period class. PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE OF THIS FLYER FOR A COPY OF THE NEW BELL SCHEDULE.

PLEASE NOTE: In order for P.O.W.E.R. Time to be *powerful*, it is imperative that every student arrives to his or her second period class prepared with a piece of literature to read.