Course Description

Fusion Reading is a two-year reading program in which you will learn a variety of really practical strategies. These strategies will enable you to become both a proficient reader and a proficient test taker. Along the way, you will read highly engaging novels that YOU select, and apply the newly learned reading strategies to those novels.

Topics Covered in Year 1

- **The Vocabulary Process**: a way to figure out the meaning of unknown vocabulary words
- **Book Study**: an opportunity to select and read books of your choice
- **Thinking Reading**: an opportunity to read and think about novels as a class
- **The Prediction Strategy**: how to make predictions before and while you read
- **The Bridging Strategy**: a way to figure out how to pronounce unknown vocabulary words
- **Strategy Integration**: how to use all reading strategies together
- **Possible Selves for Readers**: an opportunity to set goals for your future and plans for reaching them

Materials Provided

- 3-ring notebook (student folder)
- Journal
- Steno pad
- Class novels

Materials You Bring

- Paper and pencils

Grading

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Expectations

**You can expect that I will . . .**

- Not waste your time
- Treat you with respect
- Have high expectations for each of you
- Do whatever I can to help you become a great reader

**I expect that you will . . .**

- Treat your classmates and me with respect
- Take this program seriously
- Always do your best work
- Ask questions about anything you don’t understand

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