

Dear Parents,

We are excited that your child will be participating with us in the 100 Book Challenge program this year. Your child will be doing lots of reading in school and at home with your help. The reason for the program is simple: research shows that students who read for one hour every day, *from books that they can read and want to read*, will succeed in school and beyond. The more books your child reads at his or her independent level, the better reader he or she will become.

Each reading teacher at Boiling Springs Intermediate will have a wide variety of books in the classroom for students to select from. Students will be given the opportunity to read and share daily in their classroom. Students will also be required to read 15-30 minutes each night for homework. The students are responsible for checking out and returning the 100 BC classroom library books and will be charged \$7.00 to replace lost books. Students may read library books, magazines, or any material that is on their independent reading level as well. This simply means that your child feels comfortable with the book and is able to read and understand all of the words. Students will receive a plastic folder to keep their reading logs and color skill cards in. Students will be required to purchase a new folder for \$2.00 if they lose it during the year.

Since so much class time and homework time is spent on 100 Book Challenge, we feel it is important for this to be reflected in the student's grade. This year students will be given a test grade at the end of each nine weeks based on the number of lines they have logged. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to earn a good grade for their reading efforts both in school and at home. In order for students to get a 100 test grade they must read 14 lines each week. The grading scale is available on the school website under 100 Book Challenge Information.

The joy of books and reading is a reward in itself. Students will also have the opportunity to earn other rewards for their reading time as well.

- **100 BC Prize Store:** At the end of the 2nd and 4th nine weeks, classes will be scheduled to come shopping at the 100 BC prize store. Students will be able to buy prizes based on the number of lines they have logged each nine weeks.
- **End of the Nine Weeks Celebrations:** These celebrations are to reward students who go beyond the weekly reading expectations.

Lines required for nine weeks celebrations:

- 1st Nine Weeks:** 200 lines by 10/15. The party will be on Oct. 21st.
- 2nd Nine Weeks:** 380 lines by 1/7. The party will be on January 14th.
- 3rd Nine Weeks:** 580 lines by 3/17. The party will be on April 8th.
- 4th Nine Weeks:** 720 lines by 5/13. The party will be on May 23rd.

We look forward to working together with you in encouraging the love and importance of reading for your child.

Please sign and return to your child's reading teacher.

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of the 100 Book Challenge program.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____