

## **SORTING OUT THE READING PROGRAMS:**

Last week I sent home a letter from the public library about their “100 Books to Read in Kindergarten” program and we were already working on the reading logs for the Lap Reading program. Now we have begun another reading program in our classroom through the Scholastic Book Clubs. It may sound like a whole lot of confusion, but the three programs are too wonderful to miss and reading is so important that I make it all work. Really, all three work together quite nicely once we get the terminology set and everyone knows what is what. Here is your guide to what is going on! Call or email if you have questions.

1. **Lap Reading:** This is the monthly sheet that I will send home as homework on which you list all of the books you have read to/with your child during the month. It is to be returned by the first day of the next month for a prize. Students who return this assignment 7 out of the 8 months will be treated to a pizza party in May. Bookmobile books, class “traveling books,” and books you read for the library 100 list can all be written on this log!
2. **GPL “100 Books to Read in Kindergarten”:** This is a program through the Greensburg Public Library that works much like the summer reading program. You sign your child up in the children’s room and you are given a list of 100 great children’s books. Each time you read a book from the list, you check it off. Each time you finish 25 books, you take the log to the library for a prize. I will read several of the books in class throughout the year and I will let you know in my newsletter so that you can mark them off on your child’s list toward the goal. The program goes through April. It is not mandatory, but I highly recommend signing your child up. It is a great way to read some of the best children’s books out there.
3. **Scholastic Classrooms Care:** This program is sponsored by Scholastic Book Clubs. Our class is signed up to be on “Team Peyton (Manning)” to read 100 books before December 18, 2009. If we reach that goal, Scholastic and the Manning family (Eli has a team, too) will donate 1,000,000 books to kids in need on our behalf. We are doing this program entirely in the classroom – no outside reading will count here. Each time I read a book to the class we color a book on the large Peyton Manning poster in our room. You can log on to check our progress at [www.scholastic.com/classroomscare](http://www.scholastic.com/classroomscare). If you would like to be a part of this program, please sign up below to be a guest reader in our room. (Grandparents are welcome, too!) I will get back with you with a schedule.

I would like to be a guest reader in the classroom. I understand that I can bring my own book or find one on the shelf in the classroom when I arrive. (I could even check the GPL “100 List” for great book ideas!) My best day and time would be (check one):

Mondays at 2:10                       Fridays at 11:30                       Fridays at 2:10

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Good Dates \_\_\_\_\_