

November 12, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are so excited that Hope Sullivan Elementary will be participating in the Mississippi Reading Fair once again this year. We are asking that each child choose a **fiction book** that he/she would be excited to read and share with classmates. This should be a fun learning experience. **The Reading Fair project is a requirement for every student in 1st and 2nd grade. All completed projects must be turned in by Monday, January 7, 2019 to receive full credit.**

Project Guidelines:

- The project should be done on a tri-fold board. **It must measure 36" H x 48" W.** The smaller boards that do not meet size requirements will not be judged in the Reading Fair. However, your child's grade will not be deducted for the size of the board. You may not use the header piece that comes with some of the boards because of the size restrictions. The board's shape may not be altered in any way. Project boards are sold at: Walmart, Office Depot, and Knowledge Tree. *** We will be able to sell some boards at school while supplies last - an order form will be sent home this week.**
- The eight story elements from the fiction book should be displayed on the project board. The eight elements should be clearly labeled on the board. Items on the board may be handwritten or computer printed (See the attached sheet about the story elements).
- Each board should be colorful and interesting. Models, shadowboxes, illustrations that fit in the middle of the display are allowed. Items used for the project are not to be things that are alive, valuable, or dangerous. No extension cords allowed.
- Starting this year, there will only be the **Family Category** for our younger students. Students may require assistance in writing, typing, spelling, cutting, etc. This is permissible and part of the learning process. However, evidence of your child's involvement in the reading fair project should be seen on the storyboard.
- Put your **Child's Name**, **Teacher's Name**, and **Grade** on the back of the board.
- Students will be responsible for presenting their projects and talking about their book in class. **Please look over the attached Grading Rubric for more details.**

**** There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and an honorable mention in each grade. One 1st place winner will be invited to attend the district level competition on Friday, January 18th 2019. The most important goal for the Reading Fair is that the students enjoy the process, learn from it, and are encouraged to read more. Participating is just as important as winning! ☺**