

The Merritt Messenger

Robert L. Merritt Junior High School

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Principal's Message

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we would like to take this opportunity to show our gratitude for our Robert L. Merritt Junior High School community. We appreciate the opportunity to be involved with the Merritt families and staff, and we are thankful for the partnership in enriching our children's school experience.

This is a season of Thankfulness. I know that I am thankful for our dedicated staff, our supportive parents, and our hardworking students! I know the staff joins me in wishing each of our families a happy and safe Thanksgiving.



Reading Fair

Merritt Junior High School is preparing for our Annual Reading Fair.

The reading fair provides students in seventh through ninth grade the opportunity to share their favorite book through a storyboard display.

Students were given an informational packet on November 5th to bring home to parents/guardians. This packet included a memo and all other pertinent information.

All students are required to complete a Reading Fair packet and board.

Boards are due to be turned in on December 2, 2015. This will allow students time to work on their boards during the Thanksgiving Holiday break.

Students will be judged in the following divisions:

Individual Fiction Division F
6th – 8th Grade

Individual Non-Fiction Division I
6th – 8th Grade

Group/Family (Fiction Only) – Division M
6th – 8th Grade

You must purchase a standard tri-fold project board that unfolds to be approximately 36"H x 48"W for your child.



Fall In to Reading

The Merritt Library is off to a fabulous start. There are many students spending this time finding a good book and reading. All students are required to read at least 5 books per semester or one book per month. We are using the Accelerated Reader program to track student reading.

The **Accelerated Reader** program is a computerized program that tests reading comprehension. Students select books on their reading level, read independently, with someone, or have someone read to them, and take an independent comprehension test on the computer. Each book is worth a certain number of points based on its length and reading level. Students get a percentage of these points based on how many of the test questions they get right. The program tracks their progress over the course of the school year.

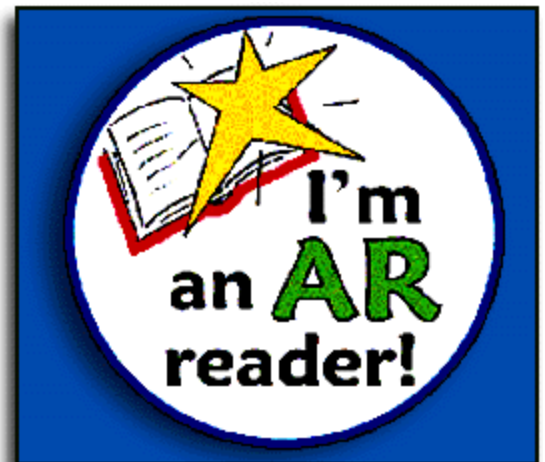
There is truly something for everyone. Happy reading and I hope your student will Fall into a good book.



Top Readers

The following students are our Top Readers for the First Nine Weeks.

Brayden Bailey	7 th Grade
Ashley Gordon	8 th Grade
Tambernecia Hodges	9 th Grade
Floyd Whitaker	Most Improved



Important Dates

November 9 -13	District Assessment
November 16	Awards Assembly
November 17	PBIS Harvest Dance
November 23 -28	Thanksgiving Holiday