

## Goals of our Independent Reading Program:

- increase volume of books read
- increase speed
- improve fluency while reading
- apply writing styles learned from authors in our own writing
- build awareness of author's craft
- feel driven to read/select it as a leisure activity
- engagement in reading
- enjoy reading
- build English vocabulary
- build effort

## With these goals in mind, our new Independent reading program is:

- Students will keep their reading log up to date
- Students will, **twice over the quarter**, select from the following list (students may not repeat the same activity in the same quarter, but they can do it once in one quarter and once in the next quarter). At least once over the course of the semester, the student must choose to do a book talk.
  - Write a letter to a friend recommending the book. See attachment.
  - Write a book reflection. See attachment.
  - Make their own dictionary based upon the book with a minimum of forty word entries. Each entry will list the new word, with the definition and a sample sentence. All of this **must be in the student's own words**.
  - Deliver a book talk to the class. See attachment.
  - Write a Shelfari review of the book. See attachment.
  - Make a book trailer. See attached rubric.
- All attachments explaining the assignments will be uploaded onto the Support page of Ms Brown's blog.