

ALL KIDS CAN LEARN BOOK CLUB

It's no secret that children today aren't reading nearly as much as they should. To remedy this, **All Kids Can Learn** has introduced our rigorous book reading program. By regularly reading works of literature, children will develop a variety of skills that will help them not only with ELA-related assignments, but schoolwork in general: improved vocabulary and grammar, making inferences, extended writing, and much more. After a trial period during summer 2018, we have found that students who thoroughly complete the course have improved test scores and reading level.

Students are expected to come in **completed reading and written responses** to the provided questions each week. They will be asked to complete a **Ten Minute Review**, checking their general reading comprehension before the teacher checks their weekly work. Corrections/clarifications from past weeks (noted by a circled answer, and usually accompanied by further guiding questions) must be included alongside the following week's assignment.

Please remind students to have a physical copy of the book on hand the day they turn in their assignment. They might need it in case of in-class revision.

Once a book is completed (approximately six weeks, depending on the book,) students will be asked to **write an essay**. For elementary school students, this will be a 45-minute in-class essay; students will be given the topic the day of. For middle or high school students, children will write a literary essay based on an approved thesis statement, and be given one week to complete the assignment. In doing so, we hope to prepare students for higher level reading and writing skills.

Helpful Hints:

- For students who seem to have trouble remembering details, encourage them to write on post-its and place them in the book to go along with their thoughts and reactions
- When checking over your child's work, if you see a particularly short response, always ask them if they answered the **why** and the **how**.
- While there are some reading comprehension questions, for the most part there are **no right or wrong answers**. Your child should always at least attempt to provide a response to each question. In fact, uncertainty sometimes calls for an even longer answer! They can always ask the teacher for help once they come in, but little can be done unless they attempt to explain their thought process.