



# Harmony Wildcats COR



Dear Harmony Parents,

Harmony Elementary's school-wide reading program is called the Community of Readers. This program is to encourage a love of reading in our students and to help them become better readers. We are very pleased with the enthusiasm that our students and teachers have shown for this program!

The Community of Readers is a genre based program which encourages students to read from a variety of literary forms. The categories for third grade are:

Non-Fiction (Informational)

Fantasy

Biography

Fairy or Folk Tale

Realistic Fiction

Mystery

Caldecott or Newbery Award

GA Children's Book Award

Favorite Author (Read 3)

Poetry

Our school website ([www.harmonywildcats.org](http://www.harmonywildcats.org)) has information and links to help you understand these categories. Click on the Media Center button then the link [Community of Readers](#).

Details for Grade 3:

- The first 5 categories read earn a student a metal tag chain and a tag. Each category read after that earns the student a tag with the name of the genre or category read.
- The books can be read in any order. After the book is read, the student will show his/her knowledge of the book to the teacher. Each teacher will determine what the student needs to do. (Some examples: Tell the teacher or fellow students what the book is about, or write a few sentences telling what the book is about, etc.)
- A book may be used for only one category and cannot be used again.
- Students will automatically earn a glow in the dark wildcat tag after completing all the categories.
- The tags are given from the Media Center each week. The forms showing what the student has read in the past week are turned in on Monday. The chains and tags will be given out by the teacher by Thursday afternoon. Students may wear their chain and tags on Fridays!

If you have any questions, please contact our media specialist, Marie Kennedy, at 770-271-4899 or [Marie\\_Kennedy@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:Marie_Kennedy@gwinnett.k12.ga.us).