



# 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 are:

Non-Fiction (Informational)  
Fantasy  
Science Fiction  
Biography  
GA Children's Book Award  
Free Choice  
Realistic Fiction

Mystery  
Caldecott or Newbery Award  
Poetry  
Historical Fiction  
Fairy or Folk Tale  
Favorite Author (Read 3)

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 Grades 4 and 5:

- The categories 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.)
- For each 5 books read from the categories list, the student will earn a free book certificate with a limit of 3 free books. The student will bring this certificate to the media center to choose from a variety of books purchased for this purpose.
- The books read must be on the student's reading level.
- A book may be used for only one category and cannot be used again.
- The forms showing what the student has read in the past week are turned in to the media center on Monday.

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).