

28 September 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you well know, the development of Language Arts skills is vital for academic success. All subject areas depend on the student's proficiency with written and verbal communication and the comprehension of what is spoken, written and read. Much of what we do here at SFDS (classroom concentration, activities, contests, assemblies, etc.) strive to improve these skills in our students. We feel that our test results indicate that we are doing an excellent job in these areas.

We continue to look for ways to integrate technology across the curriculum as well. The Book Adventure program we've used for the past several years allows us to combine the two. Students in grades 2-8 will select a book each month to read, eventually taking a comprehension test, which will count for a reading grade. The category of book type changes each month and the student may select from among several titles. Some of these titles are available in our school library. You may also obtain the book at the Parma-Snow library or Parma-Ridge library. The list of choices is available in the classroom, in our school library or at the Parma-Snow branch. You may also go on-line for the grade level lists. Go to the website [www.bookadventure.org](http://www.bookadventure.org), then to Kid's Zone and Book Finder. The lists and test dates will also be on the individual teacher's website next week.

Grade 1 becomes part of Book Adventure when the second semester begins in mid-January.

TESTING DATES FOR 2011-2012:

September 29/30

January 26/27

October 27/28

February 23/24

November 17/18

March 29/30

December (NONE)

May 3/4

Questions or concerns? Please contact your child's teacher or Miss Tesny.

Thank you,

