

I am starting a new reading challenge that will encourage the reading of Newbery and Caldecott award winning books. What are Newbery and Caldecott, and why read Newbery gold medal and Caldecott award books?

The Newbery gold medal has been given to one children's book each year since 1922.

It was the first children's book award in the world and is still considered the most prestigious award in children's literature. The book that receives it is considered the best-written children's book of that year.

The students have a choice of 95 different books to read (1922-2016). The books cover various genres and types, from historical fiction and fantasy, to biographies, poetry and short stories, to name a few. There are both short books and long books.

Each year the Newbery Medal is awarded by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's books published the previous year. However, as many persons became concerned that the artists creating picture books for children were as deserving of honor and encouragement as were the authors of children's books, Frederic G. Melcher suggested in 1937 the establishment of a second annual medal. This medal is to be given to the artist who had created the most distinguished picture book of the year and named in honor of the nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph J. Caldecott.

So there is something for everyone's reading tastes during the Challenge.

The library has copies of most of the Newbery gold medal and Caldecott books,

There will be class participation awards, as well as individual participation awards.

How will this work? If your child will be participating in the challenge, please fill out the participation form below and return to the office. Then, each time your child completes a book, have them fill out the appropriate response sheet and turn that into the office. A copy of the response form is included in this weeks Lion’s Roar and additional forms will be available in the office and library.

The challenge will begin April 9th and last until May 27th. Our copies of the books are located in the Library in specially marked sections.

For a complete list of books, please use the links below:

[Newbery Award Winning Booklist](#)

[Caldecott Award Winning Booklist](#)

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My Child(ren) will participate in the Newbery/Caldecott Award Reading Challenge.

Name(s): _____

I will monitor and help my student complete the response form when needed.

parent/guardian signature

*Please return the bottom of this form to the office.