**PGMS Parent Book Club Initial Email**

With Middle Grades books becoming all the rage in Hollywood we would like to open up the opportunity for you to read some yourself! The PGMS Media Center is looking for parents who are interested in reading and reviewing our latest acquisitions as well as older titles from our collection.

It is the goal of the PGMS Parent Book Club to provide some good reads while at the same time, opening up a dialogue between students, parents and the media center about books and what makes a good story.

The PGMS Parent Book Club is all about reading for the fun of it. If you are interested, please send me an e-mail and I will e-mail you back with a recommended book list, directions for using our on-line catalog to look for books, and the details for how to check out and return books. Once you have chosen your book, we will be happy to send it and a review form home with your child. You can return your book and review form the same way.

We will use your review forms as one way to help us recommend books to the right students. We are excited to take this literary journey with you!!

**E-mail Response to Interested Parents**

I am so excited that you are interested in joining the most exclusive club in the county, The Piney Grove Parent Book Club! We are going to have so much fun. This is a no pressure, no stress group. I will provide you with some tools and you may feel free to use them as you see fit. My goal is to make this as easy as possible for you, and open up the door to some wonderful discussions about books and reading.

I have attached a Parent Book Club Recommendations sheet. These are books that we are not sure that we should keep in our media center and would LOVE your opinion. However, you are welcome to check out any book from the media center. Simply go to the Media Center page of the school website and click on the link for our school catalog. You will be able to search our catalog without having to log in.

Here are some suggestions to help you pick a book:

-Ask you child what to read. Perhaps you could both read the same book or you could read a book that he or she recommends.

-Choose a book that you could read aloud to your children.

**Here are some fun tips for reading as a family:**

[Family Reading.org](http://www.familyreading.org/great-ideas/)

[9 Tips to Inspire Family Reading](http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/reading-activities/9-tips-to-inspire-family-reading)

[32 Classic Books For Parents and Kids to Read Together](https://www.csmonitor.com/The-Culture/Family/2014/0722/32-classic-books-for-parents-and-kids-to-read-together/Alice-in-Wonderland-by-Lewis-Carroll)

-Choose a book just for you, perhaps in a genre you have never read before or in your favorite genre.

-Read the description of the book in our on-line catalog, or use one of the following websites for longer descriptions and reviews:

[Goodreads](https://www.goodreads.com/)

[Common Sense Media Book Reviews](https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews)

Even [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/) has great reviews

 Once you have chosen a few books that you would like to read, please e-mail the titles to me and I will get them ready for your Piney Student to pick up. Just remind your child to swing by the media center! They will be due in two weeks, but you can feel free to e-mail me if you need to renew.

I have also attached a copy of the Book Review form. You are welcome to fill it out yourself, together with your child, or not at all.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

I look forward to sending home some great books for you to enjoy!