

Book Talk

The Classical Academy

2nd Grade Book Talks

In line with The Classical Academy's commitment to a well-rounded education, purposeful measured homework, and meaningful book assignments take on a specific nature. Reading a book promotes valuable opportunities for reading practice, enjoyment, discussing the ideas with family, and sharing the book with classmates. The end goal is to create excitement about reading and develop a lifelong passion for literature.

Narration is the art of retelling. Be advised this is not parroting or memorizing. Narration includes emotional response and the student to be able to recall the ideas expressed by the author, the language used, sequence of events, and then discuss. Students practice this daily in the classroom and are aware of the expectations for narration.

To effectively assist your student, there are some guidelines you should follow:

? Remind your student that they will be narrating this book to ensure his or her attentiveness.

? To foster the habit of attention, your student should read the book only once (instead of multiple readings).

? To practice fluency and accuracy, have your student read their book aloud to you.

? Respect your student's narration and remember to not interrupt or prompt while your student is narrating. Do not begin your student once he or she is done narrating.

? Ask your student comprehension questions after narration.

As a culminating event during the week of February 11, 2013 or March 11, 2013, your student will be involved in a series of book talks. Each student in your child's class will get to tell about their book.

Book talk expectations:

~ Students should be ready to share their book talk on their appropriate date. The book talks will be spread out over the week and be assigned days.

~ The students must have the book that they read with them to show to the class.

~ The book talk should include the author, illustrator (if applicable), and a summary of the book including these elements:

- Biography- Important events in the person's life along with what he/she did to become famous.

~ The end of the book talk should be a response to the book that would encourage others to read the book.

~ The book talk should take approximately 5 minutes

If you would like to read more about narration, our library possesses several helpful books. We would recommend *How to Narrate* by Linda Ward Beech. You are also welcome to visit your child's classroom to watch a narration or literature lesson.