



CMS Knowledge Quest

"Increasing knowledge by reading books!"

At Crabapple Middle School we want our students to build their knowledge by reading books from a broad spectrum of topics. Knowledge Quest is a program that gives students reading choices while exploring topics/subjects in both novels and non-fiction (including drama and poetry). The fifteen books students read for Knowledge Quest combined with an additional 10 daily learning "books" (or word equivalent) will meet the state Language Arts standard of 25 books read over the year. In addition, the quest will increase student's non-fiction reading and comprehension which will give them a strong foundation for understanding textbooks and manuals and give them a stronger aptitude for standardized tests.

For each student to read 25 books over the year, the following will happen at Crabapple. The first 10 books will be counted as "daily learning" in text books and class assignments (novels, newspapers, on-line reading, etc) and assessed as normal teaching assignments. The subsequent 15 books will be tracked on each student's Knowledge Quest Log. Book options will be selected from the following Dewey sections in the library:

<u>Dewey Section</u>	<u>Subject Topics</u>	<u>Requirement</u>
000s/100s/200s	(General knowledge, Psychology, Religions)	1 book
300s/400s	(Social Sciences, Language)	1 book
500s	(Sciences)	1 book
600s	(Engineering, Medicine, Pets)	1 book
700s	(Art, Music, Drawing, Sports)	1 book
800s	(Literature, Poetry, Plays)	1 book
900's	(History, Geography, Collective Biographies)	1 book
Biography	Biographies and Autobiographies	1 book
Fiction	Novels	3 books
Award Winner*	Fiction or non-fiction that won an award	1 book
Student Choice	Books from any category	3 books
Total books read over the year		15 books

*The "award winning" book should be from a state or nationally acknowledged award (i.e. Newbery, GA Children's Book, GA Peach, Coretta Scott King Award, etc.).

Verification that a student read the book will be shown by a passing grade on a CMS Reading Counts quiz or the completion of a book summary form. Students will track their progress on a Knowledge Quest log and through their Knowledge Quest class folder.

Any book read over the summer may count toward a student's reading goal for the 2010-11 school year. To document summer books, students should complete a reading summary form. All forms can be found on the CMS Media Center website (fultonschools.org/staff/millerb). Summary forms completed over the summer will be collected the 2nd week of school in Language Arts classes.