September 18, 2016

Dear Fifth Grade Families-
   Every year for more than a decade, fifth grade students in East Greenwich, at both Hanaford and Eldredge, participate in The Rooster Games. This is a grade-level reading event that takes place in June, and one that students and teachers work hard to prepare for all year long.

   In order to qualify for the Rooster Games, fifth grade students must read and pass a quiz on a minimum of ten of the books from the RI Children’s Book Award (RICBA) nominees for the current school year. The RICBA list is made up of 20 titles that were selected by a panel of librarians, reading specialists and teachers from across the state. The books vary in interest and reading level from grades 3 to 5, and include both fiction and nonfiction, picture books and chapter books.

   The Rooster Games is a cooperative event between the fifth grade teachers and the library media specialist, and one we encourage every fifth grader to work towards participating in. We regularly remind and encourage students to read the books and take test, in addition to reading several of the books aloud throughout the year.

Where can you find the list of Rooster Books?
   ● In the summer reading packets that were distributed in June
   ● On the Hanaford Library website
   ● From your classroom teacher
   ● In the library
   ● At any bookstore in RI, just ask for the RI Children’s Book Awards list

When can you take the quiz?
   ● All classes have a 15-minute circulation block in the library weekly, during which time they can log in and access their Scholastic Reading Counts accounts to take a quiz
   ● Anytime students have access to a device and permission from their teacher to access their Scholastic Reading Counts account

What is a passing score?
   ● Student’s need a 60% to pass a quiz. Each quiz has ten questions. Accommodations are made on an as-needed basis based on individual student needs

What is the deadline to qualify?
   ● Students have a year to qualify, beginning when the list comes out in the Spring to the end of May during fifth grade

What if a student does not qualify?
   ● Students who do not qualify are given work to do independently in classrooms during the games

What if my child hates to read or has difficulty in reading?
   ● The fifth grade teachers work directly throughout the year with resource teachers, the reading specialist and the library media specialist to make any necessary accommodations for students so that anyone who wants to participate can. Please talk to any one of us about your concerns and we will work out a plan!

Can I volunteer to help during the games?
   ● Yes! We will be asking for volunteers around the beginning of May. Please watch the listserv, the library website and our Facebook page for regular updates!
My Rooster Games Goals

Give yourself a reachable goal to work towards this year. In April, you will get this form back so you can see how you did. Good luck!!

Name: __________________________________________________

Teacher: ____________________________________________________________________

I think that I can read ________ Rooster books and pass the quizzes by the end of May 2017.

I will be sure to ask my teachers, my parents, and Mrs. Gorter for help in achieving this goal.

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Student Signature Date

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Parent Signature Date

Goal: ____________
Actual: ____________