



## Second Quarter Language Arts Contract

My 2nd Quarter reading goal is \_\_\_\_\_ books.

To achieve my quarter reading goal I need to read at home because the only day we read at school is on our library day. I plan to read on the following days to be successful:

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat

Books will only count toward reading goals when finished and you have successfully Book Talked with Mrs Karsen. Book Talks occur on our library day and upon request at recess/lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Only ONE Book Talk will be allowed the last week! No credit will be given for books not turned in on time!

For a book to count, please make sure the books you choose are:

- ✱ at a middle school reading level (6th grade or higher)
- ✱ a book you have NOT read before
- ✱ at a minimum of 100 pages
- ✱ you may only read 1 graphic novel (some are too low-please check first)
- ✱ if the book is also a movie, a parent/guardian signature is required

~Students will also be required to read a book set in Africa to accompany what they are learning about in Social Studies. There are books set out in the library to show students which books will help reach this goal.

**BOOK TALKS (worth 40% of grade) DUE: Friday, DECEMBER 23rd**  
**ONLY ONE BOOK TALK WILL BE ACCEPTED THE LAST WEEK!**

**\*\*\*Do not plan to turn in a form on the day it is due-you should just need to finish talking with Mrs.Karsen about the book!**

## **WRITING REQUIREMENTS (40% of grade):**

### **For a student to earn a C level they must:**

- ★ Compose 3 different pieces through the draft stage of the Writing Process of at least **1 page** in length using typing guidelines.
- ★ Select one of the drafts above to publish, using the STEM Rubric. Show editing on drafts that you went through the entire writing process. Follow rubric and be at least **1 page** in length using the typing guidelines.

### **For a student to earn a B level they must:**

- ★ Compose 3 different pieces through the draft stage of the Writing Process of at least **1 ½ to 2 pages** in length using typing guidelines.
- ★ Select one of the drafts above to publish, using the STEM Rubric. Show editing on drafts that you went through the entire writing process. Follow rubric and be at least **1 ½ to 2 pages** in length using the typing guidelines.

### **For a student to earn an A level they must:**

- ★ Compose 3 different pieces through the draft stage of the Writing Process of at least **2 ½ to 4 pages** in length using typing guidelines.
- ★ Select one of the drafts above to publish, using the STEM Rubric. Show editing on drafts that you went through the entire writing process. Follow rubric and be at least **2 ½ to 4 pages** in length using the typing guidelines.

## **DAILY WORK REQUIREMENTS (20% of grade):**

- Complete all daily work, planner checks, and other assignments
- Complete grammar lessons on Quill
- Participate appropriately in class during editing groups and work time

Please return this contract signed by **Wednesday, November 9th (worth 10 points)**

A copy of the contract is available on classroom web page. [www.karsenclass.weebly.com](http://www.karsenclass.weebly.com)

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Parent Signature

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Student Signature

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- ~Draft #1 target due date: Friday, December 9th
- ~Draft #2 target due date: Friday, December 16th
- ~Draft #3 target due date: Friday, December 23rd
- ~Reading Goal: Friday, December 23rd
- ~Stem Piece due: Tuesday, January 17th