

# Book Club/Literature Circles Expectations

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Observer: \_\_\_\_\_

Definition of Book Club: Book clubs are groups that are formed by the teacher with literature selected by the teacher. The literature is tied together by author, genre, topic, or theme. (Pat Cunningham)

## Definition of Literature Circle:

Literature Circles are small, short term discussion groups that have chosen (managed choice) to read the same story, poem, article, or book. Each member prepares to take specific responsibilities in the upcoming discussion. (Harvey Daniels)

## Materials: (Could vary lesson focus)

**Literature Circle/Book Club Folder** (literature circle forms, literature circle job descriptions, discussion rubric, calendar of meeting dates)

**Each child has his or her own copy of the book**

Optional:  White Boards  Markers  Sticky Notes  Spiral Notebook  Highlighters

## Environment/Organization

Book Club/Literature Circle expectations charts displayed

Materials accessible to students

Sustained time for independent reading

## Book Club/ Literature Circle Structure:

### Structure:

Mini-lesson introduction (Focus/Purpose)

Independent work: Read chosen book (silently read, record individual tasks, complete literature circle assignment, or jot down noticings or discussion topics to share with small group)

Small group discussion: Students meet together to discuss points of interest, noticings, thoughts, questions, predictions, inferences, and connections. Students also share their literature circle assignments

Teacher rotates between the different groups observing and taking anecdotal notes; the teacher does not interact with the groups during the small group discussions

Connect mini-lesson (procedural or content)

## Extending Understanding (optional):

Group presentations and share out (book talks, Glogster, book trailers, art work, accountability talk discussion, etc.)

## What the other students are doing:

All students should be participating in Book Club or Literature Circles

**Reflection:** (Teacher)

**Personal Goal:** (Teacher)

**Feedback:**