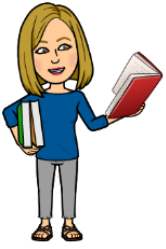


## Welcome to VME's Media Center!



Our mission is to create a warm, friendly and inviting learning hub for our students, teachers and families as we promote a love of reading and discovery. Surrounding students with a wide variety of literature and nonfiction texts is a great start to creating lifelong readers!

We strive to provide the materials and resources to:

- ❖ encourage the pursuit of personal interests through reading and research
- ❖ promote opportunities for innovative thinking and curiosity about the world
- ❖ empower students to become discriminating users of information
- ❖ support student achievement of curricular goals and objectives

Several reading incentives such as **Scholastic Reading Counts!** and the **Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA)** program are available to our students.

With **Scholastic Reading Counts**, students utilize an independent reading program that tracks their success on the books they read, in and out of school. The program is designed for all students to read books on their level, take a computer-based test and earn points upon earning a passing score.





The **SSYRA** program is co-sponsored by the Florida Department of Education (DOE) and Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME) for students in grades K-8. Sunshine State Books are selected for their wide appeal, literary value, varied genres, curriculum connections and/or multicultural representation. The goal is to have students read books that are on, and/or above their grade level in order to improve reading fluency and comprehension.



Happy Reading,

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