Sustained Silent Reading (SSR)

Twain Middle School has a culture of reading!

Students at Twain Middle School know that reading for pleasure is important. They understand that the more they read, the better they will become at reading. They spend their SSR time actively engaged in reading and practicing thinking and questioning strategies to understand what they are reading. Twain students know that by participating in SSR, they will become better readers, better writers, learn more vocabulary, and perfect their spelling skills and grammar.

What does sustained silent reading look like at Twain?

- Every 5th period class has 30 uninterrupted minutes of SSR each week.
- SSR can be silent independent reading or it can be a class reading a text aloud together.
- Every student has a book to read with them at all times.
- Every student knows their reading Lexile level.

What can you do to support your student's independent reading?

- https://lexile.com/
  Students will take the Lexile Reading Inventory in their English classes and receive their Lexile reading score. This score is a scientific measure of text complexity and student understanding. Students and

- https://goo.gl/B2Ehft
  Visit the FCPS library catalog to find books at your school or e-Books. Search by author, genre or title.

- https://goo.gl/xdYCmH
  Visit the Middle School Reads website created by teachers and librarians in FCPS. This website includes book talks, book trailers and videos to promote excellent teen literature.

- www.myon.com
  Visit MyOn with your student to read and listen to books online. Each student has their own account. Type in Twain as the school name and have your student use their FCPS user ID and password to access thousands of titles.

- https://goo.gl/zmjPFU
  Read this article for great tips to encourage reading at home.
  “How to foster a love of reading for pleasure” by Nora Krug

- Ask your student questions about what they are reading. One of the best things you can do to encourage your student to read is to talk about books together.