

Welcome to the 2014-2015 School Year



Introducing

Passport to Reading

Attention Students and Parents!

Grab your passport! Cook County School District 130 wants to ramp up reading interest in each of our K-8 schools. Read below to learn more about the exciting Children's Choice Awards programs that we will be participating in this year. Look for details regarding related celebratory events later this year!

Monarch

"The name Monarch was chosen because of its familiarity to K-3 children and to symbolize the growth, change and freedom that becoming a reader brings. The Monarch is designed to encourage children to read critically and become familiar with children's books, authors and illustrators. The program is open to all K-3 age children in Illinois."

-Illinois School Library Media Association

Bluestem

"The Bluestem award is designed for students in grades 3-5 who are ready for longer titles than found on the Monarch list, but not quite ready for the sophistication of some of the Rebecca Caudill titles. Named in honor of Big Bluestem which in the state prairie grass, the award may include both timeless classics and current titles, as well as books that have appeared on Monarch and Rebecca Caudill lists. "

-Illinois School Library Media Association

Rebecca Caudill

"The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award is an annual award given to the author of the book voted most outstanding by students in grades four through eight in participating Illinois schools. The award is named in honor of Rebecca Caudill who lived and wrote in Urbana, Illinois, for nearly 50 years. The award is given in recognition for her literary talent and the universal appeal of her books which have touched the hearts of many children and young adults."

-Rebecca Caudill Young Reader Book Award