



## WHEN YOU ARE A MYSTERY READER

**Confirmation:** Please confirm that you will be able to be a mystery reader for the month. If plans have changed and you CAN'T be a reader, please let me know as soon as possible.

Selecting a book (or two) to read: Mystery readers are encouraged to read books that have wholesome values, appealing artwork, and are entertaining. I can help you with selection if you need, ***OR if you have a favorite book you want to share with the students, that would be great!*** The best books are picture books with a good story. Many parents bring books that are favorites with their own child, or favorites of their own.

Total time for all stories (whether one or two books) should be no more than 20 minutes (15 for Pre-K). I encourage you to interact with the students before and/or after reading. Tell them why you chose the book, and set them up with background information to make the book more meaningful to them.

Please make your decision at least one week in advance and confirm with me (to make sure I haven't recently read). I encourage you to practice reading through the book several times, interjecting pauses, humor, etc... when needed. The students love animated reading!

***Many parents have asked about bringing small tokens or goody bags, crafts, etc. to share with the students when they read. Although I know the students would love them, we ask that you ONLY bring books to read. Your gift of time with the students is very powerful, and one they will remember!***

***We love our younger Covenant siblings very much, but ask that you do not bring them with you to the Mystery Reader time, as they can be adorably distracting to the students.***

**\*\*\*REMEMBER... YOU WILL BE A MYSTERY... EVEN TO YOUR OWN CHILD\*\*\***

**Please don't reveal your identity OR your book selection to your own child. Let them be surprised along with their classmates.**

On your reading day: Arrive about 10 minutes early and check in at the front desk.

When I introduce you, you get to make a “grand entrance” from behind the Mystery Reader screen. You may sit in the rocking chair, and your child may sit beside or with you as you read.

Once you are finished reading, we invite you to stay the remainder of the class time with your child OR if you need to leave that is fine as well. Total time should not be more than 30-45 minutes. Most of all, have fun. ***The main goal of Mystery Reader is to share the love of reading with all our students.***

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached via email at [tkelly@covenantknights.org](mailto:tkelly@covenantknights.org).