



## **“The Daily Read” @ Holicong**

**WHO:** All students, teachers, and staff members at Holicong Middle School

**WHAT:** Sustained silent reading (SSR) - read a text (book, magazine, or e-reader) of the reader’s choice for 15 minutes

**WHERE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> period classroom

**WHEN:** May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**WHY:** Taking time to read for pleasure has several benefits. We read to increase reading stamina, fluency, and joy!

Experts agree that daily reading time has myriad benefits for students:

Penny Kittle

- “Students need to make choices in reading that reflect their interests because interest drives engagement... All readers will develop the stamina to read longer and with greater fluency with daily practice.”
- “Reading builds stamina to prepare students for college. Reading for an hour or two in one sitting is a basic expectation in college... Reading for fluency and stamina has been proven to improve the reading rate for students.”

Nancy Atwell

- “The National Assessment of Educational Progress reports that the top 5 percent of students in the United States read up to 144 times more than the kids in the bottom 5 percent.”

Regie Routman

- “Since there is no question that reading achievement is positively influenced by the amount of time spent reading books, we must provide time in school—even at the secondary level—for students to read books of their own choosing.”

### **EXPECTATIONS FOR “The Daily Read”**

*Staff & Students WILL...*

- ✓ Read silently the entire time
- ✓ Bring/keep reading material in class
- ✓ Serve as reading models for all students
- ✓ Remain in the SSR classroom
- ✓ Read “school appropriate” material

*Staff & Students WILL NOT...*

- ✓ Talk
- ✓ Do homework/make-up work
- ✓ Check email
- ✓ Leave class