



# Nativity Catholic School

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## Reading Counts Information



Scholastic Reading Counts! is a reading motivation and management program that helps teachers encourage and monitor independent reading. This is accomplished by allowing:

- Students to select books from a large database of books in various interest levels and levels of difficulty
- Students to read the books at their own pace.
- Students to take short quizzes on the computer to verify comprehension.

Students are motivated to read because:

- They read what they like. Students choose from age- and level-appropriate books — literature that appeals to their interests.
- Readers get instant feedback. Personalized quiz results and progress reports let students track their achievement.
- Lively congratulation screens let students see their names up in lights thereby reinforcing self-confidence and positive image building.
- Students can earn points based on the length and complexity of each book they read, helping to establish concrete goals.
- Student opinions count! Students rate the books they have read helping them to develop critiquing skills

The information above is taken from: <http://www.src.scholastic.com/ecatalog/readingcounts/tour/>

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The SRI (Student Reading Inventory Test) used with the Reading Counts! Program is a 30-question test based on knowledge of meanings of words and reading comprehension. This test is used to determine a student's Lexile (comfort reading level) and helps the student to select books that will be challenging but not frustrating.

Further information on Lexile can be found at <http://www.lexile.com/>

Students in EC4 and Kindergarten can take part in the Reading Counts! Program if they show basic proficiency in reading and at the discretion of the teacher and parent. They may or may not take an SRI test depending on the consultation between the classroom teacher and the Media Assistant for Reading Counts.

Students in Grades 1 –5 actively participate in the Reading Counts! Program. They periodically take the SRI test to determine growth in reading comprehension skills. Various reports are available to teachers and parents to show progress ...

Students in Grades 6-8 can continue participating in the Reading Counts! Program at their request or at the request of a teacher or parent/guardian. Points can be accumulated until the end of Grade 8.