Dear Parents

This week we will commence our third book study. The novel is a story about a child in a real life situation and how she rises above the hurdles that life has presented.

The novel study will again involve reading for a set period of time and then answering a very small number of questions about aspects of the novel. The novel for Term Three is “Thunderwith” by Libby Hathorn. This novel is a step up from the last novel, but I’m sure the children will enjoy their reading and hopefully identify with the strength of the main character in the novel. We will be doing a lot of group reading and lessons based on the novel in class, for this reason the book will need to be brought back to class each day.

The study will take four to five weeks. Students will be supplied with a question sheet (for home based activities), which will need to be worked on at the conclusion of each chapter.

I will be supplying each child with a copy of the book, which will need to be looked after very carefully and returned at the completion of the activity. If the book is not returned $17 will be charged for the cost of a replacement novel.

Regards

Greg Cant
Chapter 1
a) The main character of the book is Lara Ritchie. Describe the parts
of her personality we have already encountered?
b) What is Mum's favourite flower?
c) Lara's mum was an optimist. Do you agree with this statement? Why?

Chapter 2
a) Name all the children living on the farm and their ages?
b) What adjectives were used to describe the baby boy?
c) Was Gladwyn happy to have Lara come and live with them? Why do
you think she felt this way?
d) When do you think the book was set and why?
   1. 1700's
   2. 1800's
   3. around 1970's

Chapter 3
a) What is Thunderwith?

Chapter 4
a) On the bottom of page 46 it says, "A friend". Who is the friend?
b) What was Lara's precious secret?

Chapter 5
a) What native animal did the Aboriginal storyteller associate with
trouble?
b) What is the adverb in the last sentence on page 76?

Chapter 6
a) What is Forster? Where?

Chapter 7
a) What country did Lara's silver dollar come from?