Monarch Club Information Handout and Instructions

About the award:

In the summer of 2002, several past presidents of ISLMA discussed the need for a K-3 children's book award. The ISLMA Board established a work group to investigate creation of such an award. In April 2003, ISLMA approved the establishment and support of The Monarch Award: Illinois' K-3 Readers' Choice Award.

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.

How to participate:

On the back of this sheet will you find the 2021 Monarch Award list. You may read as many of the titles on the list as you like at your own reading pace. Once you have finished a book, check it off your list. Once you’ve read as many of the books as you plan on reading, write your top three favorite books on your ballot. Be sure to list them in order. The book you write on the number one line will be the book you are voting for to win the 2021 Monarch Award. Ballots need to be submitted no later than February 15, 2021.