

Cobra Readers Agenda
Friday, November 6th, 2009

- I. **Reading Plus**
 - a. **Reading Coaches Ms. Span and Ms. Amor**
- II. **Miami Book Fair International Field Trip!**
 - a. When: Friday, November 13th, from 7:45am-2:00pm
 - i. Meet at the Media Center at the beginning of 2nd period.
 - b. What: We will hear author Leonard Pitts present to high school students.
His book is: *Before I Forget* and he is an award-winning columnist for the *Miami Herald*. We will also have some time to shop at the Book Fair.
 - c. Cost: Bring money to buy lunch at the Book Fair. Also, you may want to buy books!
 - d. Wear your shirt if you have one.
- III. **Working at the book fair?? Your forms are due!!**
- IV. **Our next book *Shutter Island* will be available for check out on Mon., Nov. 9th!**
- V. **First Book: *The Amazing True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie**
 - a. Discussion!
 - i. Themes:
 1. Discrimination
 2. Isolation (On and off the reservation...)
 3. Expectations for Success
 4. Alcoholism
 5. Bulimia
 6. Poverty
 7. Death
 8. Humor
 - ii. Characters:
 1. Junior
 2. Rowdy
 3. Penelope
 4. Gordy
 5. Sister
 - iii. Setting:
 1. Reardan vs. Wellpinit
 - iv. Overall Messages?
 - v. Would you recommend it?

b. See Sherman Alexie at the Book Fair!

i. Sherman Alexie

1. Sherman Alexie has been dubbed a "master of the short story" by *USA Today*. Novelist, poet, and filmmaker, he has published more than 200 stories since *The Business of Fancy Dancing* appeared in 1991. Other works include *Reservation Blues*, *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*, *Indian Killer*, and *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which won the National Book Award for young adult fiction in 2007. His latest story collection, is *War Dances* (Grove Press).

ii. When: Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 11:00 am

iii. Where: Miami Book Fair International * Miami Dade College
300 NE Second Ave., Miami, FL 33132
Chapman Conference Center (Building 3, 2nd Floor, Room 3210)

iv. You need a free ticket!! Go to this website to get it:

<http://www.asecurecart.net/server/cart.aspx/miamibookfair>

v. More Information on the Book Fair: www.miamibookfair.com

VI. Upcoming Dates

- a. **Sun. Nov. 15th:** See Sherman Alexie at the Miami Book Fair
- b. **Friday, November 20th:** Next Meeting for Cobra Readers.
- c. **Monday, November 30th** (Monday after Thanksgiving): Decorate the Media Center for the Holidays! Bring a snack to share and your holiday spirit!
- d. **December 1-15th** Book Drive for First Graders!
- e. **Weds., Dec. 16th:** Field trip to South Miami Elementary to deliver books and read. (A-Day). More information on the way!