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Spring Into Reading!



PARP STARTS WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 AND ENDS TUESDAY, MAY 26TH.

What is a PARP Program?

PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) is a program that is designed to encourage reading at home. **For the duration of the program, caregivers are asked to read at least 15 minutes a day / 5 days a week with their child.** Special incentives are provided to those that accomplish this. Our program will run for 3 weeks during which we ask that you document your at-home reading activities on the attached reading log.

Why should you participate?

Reading is a very important part of your child's education. The U.S. Department of Education's Commission on Reading notes that reading and parent involvement were among the best ways to help children become fluent, able readers. Children who read at home (and whose parents read to them) are better readers and are better equipped to succeed in school.

School incentives have been planned for all children who participate!

1. Each week, every child that has sent in a log slip that meets the 15 min/5 days partner reading goal, will be entered to win a prize. Every class will have a weekly winner.
2. Every child that does so for all three weeks of the program will receive an award certificate.

3. If we receive a total of 775 weekly log slips that meet the goal, Mrs. Alvarez has agreed to greet the children from the school's roof during morning arrival!

There is a space on the reading log for children to record any "extra" minutes they spend reading, with or without a partner. As an added incentive to read, the children have been divided into teams (colors) and whichever team reads the most minutes overall, Mrs. Alvarez will wear their color for her roof top greeting! But first and foremost we have to get her up there - so lets make sure we get the 775 log slips (that meet goal) to make it happen!

Regardless if the child meets the goal or not, please send in the log slips. While logs that fall short of meeting the goal will not count toward the school-wide goal, they WILL count for your child's team towards overall minutes read. All results will be tallied and displayed quickly so please send them in on time.

What about my child who doesn't like to read?

Remember this isn't about their ability to read, but the time spent with an adult reading, so make it fun. Let your child stay up an extra 15 minutes, if time is spent reading. Don't ask them to read. You read to them. Have a snack while you read; snuggle up on the couch, make some hot chocolate and relax. Let them use a flashlight and read in bed.

What can we read?

ANYTHING!!! Words and reading are everywhere, you don't always have to sit down with a book. Read the cereal box at breakfast time, read store and street signs while in the car, read school notices that come home in the backpack, read recipes while cooking dinner, or read labels and signs in the grocery store. Even when there isn't time for a formal reading session, these smaller 5 minute reading exercises will certainly add up!

What do we need to do?

Read, Read, Read! Attached is your child's PARP reading log. Follow the instructions on the top of the log form.

If you have any questions about PARP please contact Kim Hade at 845.832.7321 (or at akhade@optonline.net)