

Dear Families,

We will be starting a reading challenge on Wednesday, January 11th and go to March 23rd. Our goal is as a school to read 100,000 minutes. This goal will be reached when every child in the school reads *at least 20 minutes a day*.

Research shows that the single best way to improve a child's reading is to read and read for a sustained period time. Attached to this letter is your child's first reading log. For grades 1-6, students are expected to read independently, that is on their own and with a text on their independent reading level or a book they have learned in school. As for kindergarten students, an adult may read to them. The kindergarten log is slightly different allowing three options for your child to read.

It is the expectation that your child's reading log goes home each night and returned to school the next day. If your child needs to borrow a book or books to read please let your child's teacher know. You can facilitate the success of this program by reminding your child to check to make sure they have their reading log with them everyday.

Reading Logs are due to your child's teacher every **Wednesday**. Prior to turning in your log, your child will add up the total number of minutes read during the week and record the total. The reading log will be turned into his/her teacher where it will then be calculated into the grand total of minutes for the class. At that point every minute from each class will then be calculated and recorded on the school train that is on track for 100,000. Every Wednesday, the students will receive a new reading log for the next week.

A list is attached of resources and websites that have free online books that your child may also count into his/her daily minutes. Also, the Campbell County Library is free to sign up to check out books your child would choose. As always we thank you for your continued support as we read on track to 100,000 minutes.

Sincerely,

Ms. Greis

Sites to help promote the Reading Challenge

Book Recommendations

Spaghetti Book Club A site designed by kids for kids where kids recommend books they have read

Kids Book Shelf/ Recommendations for books by leading publishers; kid-friendly and very interactive

Read Kiddo Read! James Patterson started this site to encourage the love of reading in children. Find book recommendations, reading guides, fun quizzes, and more.

Sites for reading along, being read-to or reading on your own FOR FREE!

We Give Books We Give Books has several literacy campaigns and they have several high-quality books on their website for your child to read. What do you do? Select a book from their growing library and read it. Once you finish reading the book, select a literacy campaign you would like to support. A book will be donated for every book you read online. Yes, it's as easy as that to support literacy around the world!

Short Story Time This site will provide narration and text for your child to follow. You can choose the age group for appropriate stories.

Book Pop Children can follow along as stories are read by Stephen Cosgrove. Readers can control page turning, reading, and more to enhance their experience.

Bedtime Story These classic stories include options to hear about the story or to have the story read aloud.

<http://www.storylineonline.net/> Members of the Screen Actors Guild introduce and read popular books while readers can follow along on the pages of the book.

Mrs. P.com Classic children's literature is read aloud by actress Kathy Kinney, who is supported by an interactive web site.

Storyline online Popular books read to children by famous people.

Magic keys This site provides books for all ages. The text appears and your child reads it. No audio.

Mighty Books Your child can follow along as the text is read and highlighted.