

Super Stars Reading Program Is Here Again...:

Please Mark Your Calendars for the Important Dates

The highlights of the program are:

The program will run from the **2nd of February** to **4th of April** this year. The last log sheets will be collected on the 5th of April.

School wide Read-In will be on the 7th of February to kick off the program. The 60 minutes spent reading during this Read-In will be automatically logged for the kids in the Reading Logs.

Grade level reading goals are:

- **Kindergarten students are expected to read a minimum of 10 min/day or 50 min/week.**
- **First grade students are expected to read a minimum of 15 min/day or 75 min/week.**
- **Second to Fifth grade students are expected to read 20 min/day or 100 min/week.**

Caution: This Reading Program is not a part of the homework. Any reading done as part of regular school homework should not be included on the Super Star Reading Sheets.

- Children take home their first Reading Logs on the 2nd of February (Thursday) which they should bring back on the 9th of February (Thursday) to submit to their teachers. **Parents please make sure that you tally the minutes and put down the total on the log sheet before you send it in.**
- The children will get new Reading Logs in their Thursday Folders every week.
- Teachers collect the log from children and hand them over to the volunteers on Thursday.
- Kids earn stickers based on their reading time for the week. Pages read are recorded only for information purpose.
- The stickers are given to the kids for meeting the basic requirement for their grade level.
- **For every 50 minutes of reading time, a Kindergarten student will get one sticker.**
- **For every 75 minutes of reading time, a First grade student will get one sticker.**
- **For every 100 minutes of reading time, second to fifth grade students will get one sticker.**
- Each child gets an Achievement Sheet on which they can put the stickers they earn during the program.
- The stickers will be given every Monday during the Program.

Small awards will be given to kids for achieving benchmarks during the program:

- **On 27th February (Monday), the “High Five” Ribbons will be given to the children who have minimum 3 stickers on their achievement sheet.**
- **On 26th March (Monday), the “Star Student” Ribbons will be given to the children who have minimum 7 stickers on their achievement sheet. The “High Five” Ribbons will be given to the children who have minimum 3 stickers on their achievement sheet.**
- **On 9th April (Monday), the “You Did It” Ribbons will be given to the children who have minimum 10 stickers on their achievement sheet. The “Star Student” Ribbons will be given to the children who have minimum 7 stickers on their achievement sheet. The “High Five” Ribbons will be given to the children who have minimum 3 stickers on their achievement sheet.**
- Please note that the children get the benchmark ribbons only as per the above schedule. For e.g. even if a fifth grader ends up reading 1000 pages in the first week, he/she will get the ribbons as per the above schedule. This is to keep the motivation throughout the program.

- Grade level trophies will be awarded to the class that logs most minutes (total minutes read by all the children in the class) in the previous week.
- For grade level trophies, the minutes are not cumulative. Each week the top reader class is chosen based on the previous week's reading numbers.
- The Monday announcers will announce the trophies every week.

Bonus: Children have an opportunity to read to the Principal. Students can put their name in a basket and the teacher draws out slips of paper and those students drawn will get to read to the Principal. In each 4th and 5th grade class the teachers draw three names. In the primary classes, the teacher draws two names. Principal will then schedule the times to meet with the students from the different grade levels.

Ms Franklin will reward the children who read to her with special pencils, key chains etc. which say "I read to the Principal."

If you have any questions regarding the program please feel free to email me @ sangeeta888@yahoo.com

Help! Help! Help!

This program was a big success last year because of our parents, teachers, students and especially our wonderful parent volunteers. We need parent volunteers to help make this program a success again this year.

The parent volunteers will have to collect the log sheets from the assigned class/es every Thursday, log in the minutes for each child in a spreadsheet that will be provided, and email me the results by 5pm Friday at the latest.

On Monday morning, volunteers will have to take the stickers and/or ribbons for the children of their assigned class/es. **(You will need to ask the teachers if they want to distribute the stickers or if they would like you to do it.)**

If you would like to volunteer please fill in the volunteer form and turn it in to your child's classroom or e-mail me directly at sangeeta888@yahoo.com. All your help will be greatly appreciated!

I'm looking forward to a motivating reading experience for our children!

Sangeeta Balakrishnan