

2024 READ-A-THON

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHAT IS READ-A-THON?

It is a fourteen-day reading marathon for PPE students.

WHEN IS READ-A-THON?

Tuesday, February 20th to Monday, March 4th

WHY DO WE HAVE READ-A-THON?

This period of intense focus strengthens and improves students' reading skills while providing an opportunity for students and families to experience the joy of stories, books and reading!

HOW ARE WE TRACKING READ-A-THON THIS YEAR?

Students will keep track of their reading on reading logs.

Kindergarteners will track the number of books read (chapter books:10 pages=one book).

1st-5th graders will track the number of minutes read.

Extra reading logs will be available in the library or on the PPE website.

Kindergarteners who read more than 100 books and 1st-5th graders who read more than 1,500 minutes will earn an additional prize.

WHAT IS THE READ-A-THON FOLDER?

Each student will receive a yellow Read-a-Thon folder on Tuesday, February 20th. This folder will contain a reading log, challenge card, lanyard and other materials to complete challenges. These items should remain in the folder during RAT. *This folder will travel back and forth between home and school so that students can accurately log their in-school and at home reading.*

THANKS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD KEEP UP WITH THESE FOLDERS!

WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE CARD?

It is filled with challenges that students may complete throughout the course of Read-a-Thon. Each student will receive a color challenge card in their yellow folder. With each column of challenges completed, students earn a coordinating Pippi Longstocking button to pin on their lanyard. Students will bring their challenge card to the library as they complete each column to pick up the earned button. Students who complete all 22 challenges on the card will receive an additional prize.



DOES TIME SPENT READING AT SCHOOL COUNT? Absolutely!

MAY MY CHILD COUNT BOOKS READ ALOUD TO THEM AT HOME?

Of course! Time spent with a family member or friend is valuable.

DO AUDIO BOOKS COUNT?

Yes! Audiobooks are great for car rides, meals and many other times!

DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH:

- Read-a-Thon begins. Start reading!
- Read-a-Thon folders come home! Reading logs, challenge cards, lanyards and other RAT materials to complete challenges are in this folder. Students will keep all things RAT related (reading logs, challenge card, etc.) in the folder and it should travel back and forth between home and school.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH – MONDAY, MARCH 4TH:

- READ, READ, READ! During breakfast, in the car, outside, under the covers!
 - Tally your reading on the reading logs. **Parents need to initial each reading log entry.**
 - Work on your challenges on the challenge card.
- PLEASE NOTE: A couple of these challenges will be completed during class library time and others will need an adult to initial that the challenge has been completed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD:

- Parnassus Spirit Night 4:00-6:00pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD:

- Percy's Reading Party 5:30-7:30pm (story time with Ms. Stuart at 6:00pm and 6:45pm)

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST:

- Pajama Day! Wear your pajamas to school for a day of cozy reading.

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH:

- Reading logs **MUST BE RETURNED** to your child's teacher by 3:00 PM.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH:

- CELEBRATION DAY – Favorite Book Character Dress-Up Day!
- Kindergarteners who read 100 books or more and 1st-5th graders who read 1,500 minutes or more will be recognized during morning announcements and receive a certificate and prize.



Who can I ask if I have
Read-A-Thon questions?

Don't hesitate to reach out to
Ms. Stuart with questions.
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