

# Million Minute Reading Challenge

Dear Families,

Next week we kick off our Million Minutes of Reading Challenge! This challenge will begin Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and go until Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to have every child in the school read **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 of time.

Your child will have a monthly reading log. E-books, magazines, newspapers, graphic novels, nonfiction texts, and chapter books all count towards reading minutes. For kindergarten students, an adult may read to them. The kindergarten log is slightly different allowing students to color in an image for every 20 minutes read. The reading logs should be with your child **at all times between home and school**, as the students have many opportunities to read throughout the school day.

Logs are due to your child's classroom teacher every Monday. 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 log will be turned in to 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 a school thermometer so that we can chart our progress in an effort to reach our goal.

Please check out the school library web site for resources on choosing books, free online books and recommendations.

As always we thank you for your continued support as we read to the one million minute mark!

Happy Reading!

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