The 500 Minute Summer Reading Challenge

Are you up for the challenge?

Port Reading School 9 is setting the goal high to encourage our students to read 500 minutes this summer to promote literacy achievement! Research indicates that the amount of time students spend reading is one of the best predictors of their success as readers. We would love to reach our goal by the beginning of the school year. By simply reading 5-10 minutes a night, completing the summer reading log, your child can be on their way to participating in our challenge. For every 1 hour that they read and completed summary log, they will earn a raffle ticket for entry to win prizes. Every student that completes a tally sheet will get a charm for their keychain.

Parents - We need your help to ensure that your child is reading, keeping track of their minutes and turning in the paper in Friday, September 6, 2019. And, if your child isn’t reading yet, the minutes you spend reading to your child counts too!

Rules:

1. Students read, read, read!
2. Students keep track of their minutes on log sheet. Minutes can be accumulated by reading to your child or your child reading independently.
3. Return the log sheet (can use the sheets attached or any list you create) to classroom teacher on Friday, September 6th.

Happy Reading!

Ms. Fitzgerald, Principal, and the School 9 Staff
"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

~Dr. Seuss~

Dear Parents,

As another school year ends, why not add reading to your children's summer vacation?

Summer is a great time for students to read books for pleasure and to continue their love of reading. Summer reading has been a tradition and benefit to our students for many years.

As part of the Woodbridge Reads Initiative to promote the importance of reading, the Woodbridge School District, along with the public libraries, has created a list of 50 books that will appeal to a variety of student interests. They are all available at our public libraries.

Reading is the most important skill that our children need in life and parents play an essential role in helping their children become successful readers. When parents believe in reading, show excitement about reading, and do reading activities with their children, those children will learn to love reading and will become life-long readers themselves.

Take your children to visit the library. We encourage you to participate in the summer reading program offered through the Woodbridge Public Library.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy reading!

John Bader
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Laura Calabrese
Supervisor of Reading & Writing, Grades K-5

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

~Jacqueline Kennedy~
50 BOOKS TO READ IN KINDERGARTEN

A Chair for My Mother, Vera B. Williams
A Splendid Friend, Indeed, Suzanne Bloom
A Tiger Cub Grows Up, Joan Hewett **
Abuela, Arthur Dorros
An Egg is Quiet, Diana Hutts Aston **
Bark, George, Jules Feiffer
Bear Snores On, Karma Wilson
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Bill Martin, Jr.
Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type, Doreen Cronin
Dinosaurs Big and Small, Kathleen Zoehfeld
Doctor De Soto, William Steig
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, Mo Willems
Duck on a Bike, David Shannon
Freight Train, Donald Crews **
Froggy Goes to School, Jonathan London
From Caterpillar to Butterfly, Deborah Heiligman
Honk, Honk, Geese Canada Geese Start a Family, April Pulley Sayre
How Animal Babies Stay Safe, Mary Ann Fraser
How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? Jane Yolen
Is Your Mama a Llama? Deborah Guarino
It's Snowing! Gail Gibbons
Jump, Frog, Jump! Robert Kalan
Kindergarten Diary, Antoinette Portis
Kitten's First Full Moon, Kevin Henkes

LMNO Peas, Keith Baker
Mama Cat Has Three Kittens, Denise Fleming
Meet the Dogs of Bedlam Farm, Jon Katz
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, Joseph Slate
My First Day, Steve Jenkins
My Grandma = Mi Abuelita, Ginger Fongesong Guy
Officer Buckle and Gloria, Peggy Rathmann
One Bean, Anne Rockwell
Planting a Rainbow, Lois Ehlert **
Pretty Salma: A Little Red Riding Hood Story from Africa, Niki Day
Shark vs. Train, Chris Barton
Spiky, Slimy, Smooth: What is Texture? Jane Brocket
Superhero ABC, Bob McLeod
Tacky the Penguin, Helen Lester **
Tar Beach, Faith Ringgold
The Baby Beebee Bird, Diane Massie
The Little Red Hen, Jerry Pinkney **
The Mitten: A Ukrainian Folktale, Jan Brett
The Odd Egg, Emily Gravett
The Stray Dog, Marc Simont
The Three Pigs, David Wiesner
The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Eric Carle
Where the Wild Things Are, Maurice Sendak
White is for Blueberry, George Shannon
Zooborns!: Zoo Babies from Around the World, Andrew Bleiman

This is a suggested list. Feel free to read any books of interest!

Titles with a ** are available as ebooks for under $5.00 through Amazon for devices using the Kindle app.
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