

# Principal's Summer Reading Challenge

Summer is a wonderful time to relax with some good books! Studies suggest that children who read more demonstrate better fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Plus, it also helps prevent the dreaded "summer slide" in children's reading skills.

Therefore, Mr. K is offering a ***Principal's Summer Reading Challenge*** for students entering Pre-K through 8th grade. Each student is challenged to read at least 20 minutes per day. This is a voluntary activity, and summer readers who reach their goal will be recognized when school starts up again in August.

Younger children who may not be able to read yet, may have an adult read to/with them. Research shows that reading to children is a wonderful way to introduce a child to a world of creativity and imagination. Reading with young children can help them develop a skill that they will use for the rest of their life while fostering a love of an activity that also enhances brain development. Studies have shown that children who are exposed to books and reading, even prior to preschool, tend to develop larger vocabularies and are more likely to succeed during their formal education.

Here's how the Principal's Reading Challenge works:

- Read age appropriate books for an average of 20 minutes per day from June 1 to August 12. .
  - If you miss a day, just make it up on another day.
  - Visit your local library to find additional books that are interesting.
- Log your daily minutes read. The minutes may be logged on the chart located on the backside of this letter and then initialed by a parent or guardian. Additional forms may be copied from this letter or downloaded and printed from our website.
- Return the Summer Reading Logs to your teacher at Welcome Back Saints Day on August 12 or on the first day of school, August 14.
- Students who meet the challenge will be invited to the Principal's Summer Reading Celebration Party on August 19 with pizza and popsicles.
- Students who meet the challenge will also receive a certificate of achievement after a chapel service in August.

Enjoy your books and have a wonderful summer!

