



Dear GN Families,
The Gator is looking for your readers! Home & School is excited to bring back our overwhelmingly successful Read-a-Thon Fundraiser.

The Read-a-Thon will be a major fundraiser for the year. 100% of the proceeds raised will fund the purchases and programs our Home & School supplies for our children. Every child benefits from the Home & School and its fundraisers, and your pledges and support are vital to our school.

Our participation goal is 100%. With support from family, friends and neighbors as sponsors, we hope each student will raise a minimum of \$10 and read a minimum of 100 minutes to reach our school goal of \$2,000 and 5,000 minutes! We think you will be surprised by how many people are willing to sponsor a child to read. Your child should start seeking sponsors and collecting pledges TODAY and should continue throughout the remainder of the Read-a-Thon period.

The official Read-a-Thon BLAST OFF will be Monday, October 11th and will last until Monday, October 25th. This Fundraiser packet will explain the details of this event and will also include reading and sponsor logs. We also have some very exciting prizes planned for the children!

We wish to extend our thanks and sincere appreciation for your support and enthusiasm.

~Home & School

Reader Rules

1. Record the number of minutes you read each day on your Reading Log
2. Do not guess or round off minutes. Please look at a clock or use a time/stopwatch to monitor your time.
3. Remember that CHARACTER COUNTS – be honest with your minutes so that this will be fair and fun for everyone.
4. A parent, teacher or other adult must initial for approval of minutes on your Reading Log.

What Counts?

- Reading before and after school
- Being read to by other people
- Reading aloud to other people
- Reading under the bed covers, with a flashlight, late at night (but only if it's ok with your parents!)
- Assigned reading homework
- Reading magazines and newspapers
- Practicing sight words

What Does Not Count?

- Reading before the official beginning of the Read-a-Thon
- Reading instead of doing other homework
- Reading during class time except for teacher-designated class time

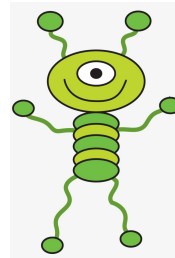
Important Dates:

- **TODAY** - Start collecting pledges
- **Monday 10/11** - Official Start of the Read-A-Thon and time to start tracking your minutes read.
- **Monday 10/25** - Last day of the Read-A-Thon and the last day to track minutes read
- **Thursday 10/28** - Reading Log, Pledge Sheet and Pledge Money due. Everything can also be submitted on thegatorgateway.com
- **Monday 11/22** - Winners announced and prizes delivered



PRIZES

1. The student who logs the most minutes read and raises a minimum of \$100 in pledges will win a \$100 Amazon Gift Card
2. Every student who reads a minimum of 100 minutes and raises \$50 + in pledges will be eligible to enter a Participation Drawing for a \$50 Amazon Gift Card.
3. The student who logs the most minutes will win a Gator Gear Box.
4. All students that participate and raise money in pledges will earn a school store grab bag item.
5. All students that participate and turn in a Reading Log on time will earn a GN Read-A-Thon Bookmark.



Bonus...

1. The class that reads the most minutes earns a Pretzel Party
2. The class that raises the most money in pledges earns a Pretzel Party

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