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QR Code for Readathon

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OUR 1ST ANNUAL READ-A-THON STARTS TODAY!

Don't forget to scan the QR code daily and record your minutes!. Read together, have your child read alone or along with you, read to your child, we don't care how your family completes the mission! We are excited to have families read!

The Ultimate Goal is to have:

Kindergarten Read - 10 minutes

Grade 1 and 2 - 15 minutes

Grade 3 and 4 - 20 minutes

Grade 5 and 6 - 25 minutes

The benefits of reading in childhood are universal no matter where you live or your financial status. These are just some the benefits of raising a reader:

- Setting up children for success – growing brains are like a sponge. Soaking up word recognition and growing a child's imagination through reading helps make memories! Reading helps a child's imagination grow! Why not help give them a leg up?
- A workout for the mind – It is never too early to get the reading wheels turning.
- Concentrate, concentrate – Being able to focus on one thing even just for a couple minutes at an early age is a skill itself! As children get older their attention span will lengthen also!.
- Develop those language skills – Remember the basics, the ABCs, letter sound and word recognition.
- A thirst for knowledge – Leave your young reading fans wanting more. The more exposure to books and reading the better.
- Imagination and creativity – Books have the power to take us to far away places where we can be superheroes or be dinosaurs. There are no limits on where the imagination can take us.
- Social skills and interaction – Children can practice their listening skills with you as you read, and you can point and find objects featured in the book.
- Reading sparks conversation - talk to your child about the book you are reading/have read, was it exciting, what did they learn, did they like the character and/or setting? What was their favourite part of the book, etc

- Diversity – While reading books with objects/characters or situations familiar to children, digesting books featuring a cast of places, people and things opens a child's mind to a whole world of possibilities.
- Building empathy – In the world we live in today there are a lot of big feelings floating around. Even the tiniest of tales can teach children about sharing, caring, friendships, families, etc.
- A source of fun – Make story time part of your daily routine. Change your voice for different characters, actions, and settings. The options are truly endless!

But, most of all - HAVE FUN READING!!

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