

MILLGROVE READ-A-THON

Our school is once again celebrating Literacy with our annual Read-a-thon. The event is to encourage a love of reading and we hope that this school event encourages all students to read a little extra and to take initiative for that reading. So, please encourage your child(ren) to read with you, read alone, listen to someone reading, or to read to others! During the Read-a-thon - every minute you read is tracked.

Free multilingual resources can be accessed at <http://familyliteracyfirst.ca/>

Starting Tuesday, February 15, 2022, students are asked to keep track of how many minutes a day they read or are read to. All students are already expected to be reading 10-30 minutes a day in the language of their choice.

Please return your reading log daily!

PRIZE TICKETS WILL BE EARNED AS FOLLOWS:

Kindergarten: For every 50 minutes read, 1 ticket is earned!

Primary: For every 100 minutes read, 1 ticket is earned!

Junior: For every 150 minutes read, 1 ticket is earned!



School goal – 33,460 minutes

Kindergarten: 47 x 10 minutes = 470 minutes daily

Grades 1-3: 76 x 15 minutes = 1,140 minutes daily

Grades 4-5: 39 x 20 minutes = 780 minutes daily

Let's beat the 2020 record of 31,250 minutes (our school goal was 28,000 minutes)

Try something new – read a story aloud and alternate sentences read. Read a book of poetry for kids, read a book that is fiction and one that is non-fiction, read book of jokes / humour or a book of statistics (The Guinness Book of World Records is always popular), read a biography of a famous Canadian, a fable or a fairy tale. Try reading some science fiction or fantasy fiction or maybe reread a favourite book. Every minute counts in the Millgrove read-a-thon.

The top 2 readers in each class will win a prize. Teachers will track reading daily and the grade 5s will chart our progress.

Photo of 2020 reading goals tracked by 500-minute red blocks.



Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



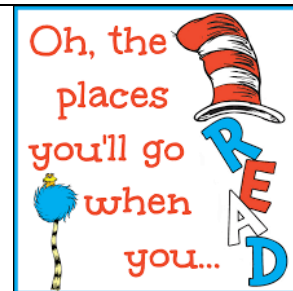
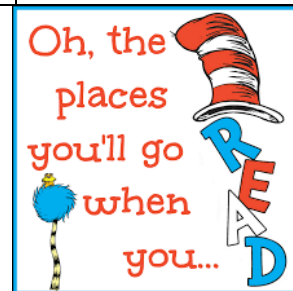
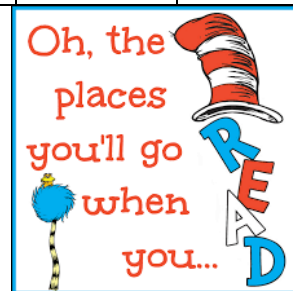
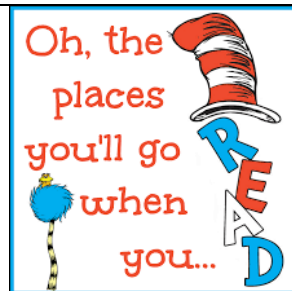
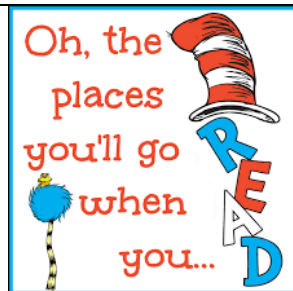
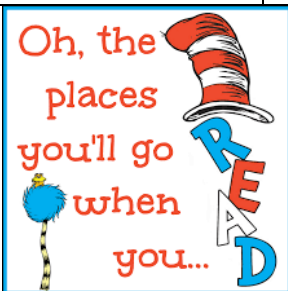
10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

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Teacher / Room:	Student:		
DAY	MINUTES READ	HOME INITIALS	
Tuesday, February 15 th			"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." Emilie Buchwald
Wednesday, February 16 th			"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss
Thursday, February 17 th			"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark." — Victor Hugo, <i>Les Miserables</i>
Friday, February 18 th			"Oh, magic hour, when a child first knows she can read printed words!" — <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> , 1943
Saturday, February 19 th			"You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend." — Paul Sweeney
Sunday, February 20 th			"Oh, magic hour, when a child first knows she can read printed words!" <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> , 1943
Monday, February 21 st			"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away. And in its place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall." Roald Dahl
Sub-Total 📖📖📖			



DAY	MINUTES READ	HOME INITIALS	
Tuesday, February 22 nd			"There is more treasure in books than in all of the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." Walt Disney
Wednesday, February 23 rd			"When I say to a parent, "read to a child", I don't want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate." Mem Fox
Thursday, February 24 th			
Friday, February 25 th			"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." — Margaret Fuller
Saturday, February 26 th			"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift." Kate DiCamillo
Sunday, February 27 th			
Monday, February 28 th			"Books make great gifts because they have whole worlds inside of them." Neil Gaiman
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Total Minutes Read			"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . . The man who never reads lives only one." George R.R. Martin

Reading Goals: Kindergarten students = 10 minutes per day; Primary students (1-3) = 15 minutes per day; Junior students (4-5) = 20 minutes per day

