

C.B. WATSON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Million Minutes Reading Incentive Program
2014-2015

“We Succeed When Our Warriors Read!”



Description:

Our school-wide reading incentive program is called *Million Minutes*. As a school, we have set a goal to read for one million minutes. Students log the minutes that they have read to earn prizes and help reach our goal. We will have four awards assemblies this year to celebrate reading. Our program will kick-off on Monday, August 25. Then, we will have increment award ceremonies (250,000 Minutes, 500,000 Minutes, etc.) At the end of the year when we reach our goal, we will hold our final awards assembly and a reading celebration!

Rules:

- All reading counts towards our school-wide goal! (Independent, class assignments, teacher read-aloud, guest readers, reading at home with parents/guardians or older siblings, etc.)
- Students keep track of independent reading on reading-log sheets.
- Parents will need to initial minutes read at home for the minutes to be included in their reading total. Parents are asked to verify minutes read with the child. **Please be honest when initialing your child's reading log!**
- Teachers tabulate and record minutes from school and home on a reading minutes form. Teachers send the name of the Top Reader and the Most Motivated Reader and a class total to the Media Center each week.
- The weekly top readers and most motivated readers from each class will be announced the following week.
- Weekly totals submitted to the media center will be used to tabulate the grade level Top Reading Class of the Month. The class in each grade level that records the most minutes will receive a special treat. A poster will hang outside the classroom so everyone will know who the Top Readers are in the grade level for the month.
- Independent reading is an on going homework assignment. Please encourage your child to read at home each night. The purpose of this program is to motivate students to read outside of school beyond what their teacher requires.

Incentives and Goal Increments:

- After each 250,000 minute reading increment has been reached, an awards assembly program will be held to recognize the top reader and most motivated reader from each class for K-2nd grade. These students will receive a medallion or other award.
- Top Readers and Most Motivated Readers from each week will be eligible for a drawing for a large prize during the awards assembly.

Individual Incentives

- Students in grades **K-2nd** will be awarded one ticket for every **200** minutes read outside of school.
- Tickets may be redeemed for prizes in the Media Center each month at the Million Minutes Store.
- Prizes range from 1-10 tickets Students may choose to spend tickets or save them for larger prizes.

Reaching the 1,000,000 Minute Goal

- When the goal of 1,000,000 minutes has been reached, there will be a celebration assembly.
- The Top Reader and Most Motivated Reader for this last increment period will be recognized.
- The Top Reader of the Year from each classroom will receive a special award such as a trophy.
- The Most Motivated Reader of the Year in each classroom will also receive a special award such as a trophy. This will be the student who improved the most in reading. It will be based on school assessments.
- Top Readers for the school will be given large prize baskets.
- The teachers whose classes have read the most minutes in their grade level will do a stunt which may involve the Top Reader and/or Most Motivated Reader from his/her class. The principal will participate in the stunt **IF** we go **OVER** our goal of one Million Minutes read.

Criteria for Reading Awards:

- Top Reader for Each 250,000 Minute Milestone – This will be the student in each classroom who reads and records the most minutes for the milestone period. (This is not a cumulative minutes reward)
- Most Motivated Reader for Each 250,000 Minute Milestone – This student is chosen by their teacher using the following criteria: The student showed significant progress or effort in reading, challenged their own reading level, or showed a genuine interest in improving their reading skills.
- Top Reader of the Year – A student from each classroom will receive the Top Reader of the Year award for reading and recording the most minutes for the entire year.
- Most Motivated Reader of the Year-A student from each classroom will receive the Most Motivated Reader of the Year award for improving the most in his/her class in reading. This will be based on school assessments.



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