



# McLane READ-A-THON 2020

## Catch the Reading Bug



Reading CHALLENGE and FUNDRAISER

Dear McLane families,

The McLane PTSO is sponsoring our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Read-A-Thon Fundraiser. The Read-a-Thon challenges McLane students to read and raises money for their school **without** selling anything. The Read-a-Thon promotes our school's goal for all kids to develop a love for reading. Due to COVID-19 and distance learning, the Read-a-Thon will look a little different this year. Please read below for how the Read-a-Thon will work this year. Remember: Please stay safe and healthy; the only bug we want you to catch is the READING BUG!

**100% of the money collected from the Read-a-Thon is used at our school for activities and supplies for our children.**

Here's how it works:

1. Students set reading minutes goals for the month of October.
2. Families find sponsors to pledge money for their reading. Sponsors can pledge per minute or a flat rate.
3. Students READ EVERY DAY and as much as possible throughout the entire month of October, **starting on Thursday, Oct. 1.**
4. Enter reading minutes each Thursday to earn weekly prizes: Students will go online to enter their weekly reading minutes every **Thursday** starting October 8. This year, weekly prizes will be distributed at the end of the Read-a-Thon.
5. Tracking Reading Minutes: We will track minutes read by student, by class, and by school. The last day to count reading minutes is Saturday, October 31.
6. Our goal is 70% participation! This year **Mr. Brock will EAT A BUG** if our goal is reached!!!
7. Collect pledge money from your sponsors: The pledge money, Sponsorship Forms, and Minute Recording Sheets are due **NO LATER than Tuesday, November 10.** This year there is an online payment option. There will be online options available for all of this.
8. Final Awards Video: Winners of the Read-A-Thon Challenge and Fundraiser will be announced, prizes will be awarded, and if the 70% participation goal was met, Mr. Brock will complete his task!

Your Packet Includes:

1. Read-a-Thon Information and Dates
2. Read-a-Thon Rules
3. Minutes Recording Sheet
4. Sponsorship Form - This year there is an online payment option. We encourage people to use online payment, although we will accept cash and checks.



## Read-A-Thon Prizes



### **Grand Prizes Raffle**

Drawing for **One** Kindle Fire Tablets using a raffle drawing

Prizes awarded based on the two grade groups (K-2 & 3-5)

Most Minutes Read by grade group: .....Kindle Fire Tablet

Top Fundraiser by grade group: .....Kindle Fire Tablet

Class Most Minutes Read K-2 & 3-5: .....Virtual Class Party TBD

Runner Up K-2 & 3-5: .....Virtual Class Party TBD

Class with Most Participation: .....Virtual Class Party TBD

Class Most Dollars Fund Raised: .....Virtual Class Party TBD



## Read-A-Thon Events



Due to COVID-19 and distance learning, the Read-a-Thon Committee is working hard to schedule alternative events for the Read-a-Thon. We plan to create a video for the Kick-Off and Final Awards Assemblies. We are looking into the possibility of a drive-thru option for the School Takeover Night at McDonald’s and holding a Barnes and Noble Book Fair closer to the holidays. The committee also hopes to hold a virtual Family Fun Night.

We will enter reading minutes online this year and will distribute the weekly prizes after the Read-a-Thon is over. We have added an online payment option for pledges. We are also looking into virtual class party options for the winners. Please be patient and understanding as we navigate through this difficult time.

**Remember: The only bug we want you to catch is the READING BUG!! Thank you!**

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McLane Elementary



## READ – A –THON RULES

- Start reading and recording your minutes online beginning **Thursday, October 1st**.
- Use your Minute Recording Sheet to keep track of how many minutes you read each day. This year you will enter everything online.
- Use your Sponsorship Form to keep track of your sponsors and how much they have pledged to donate. This year there is an option to pay pledges online (preferred).

### What reading counts toward your minutes?

1. Reading before and after distance learning time **does** count.
  2. Reading before the official beginning of the Read-A-Thon **does not** count.
  3. Reading during distance learning time **does not** count.
  4. Being read to by other people **does** count.
  5. Reading aloud to the dog, the cat, and the goldfish (or any other pet) **does** count.
  6. Reading in a train, with a fox, in the rain, or on a box **does** count.
  7. Reading aloud to other people **does** count.
  8. Reading under the bed covers, with a flashlight, late at night **does** count (but only if it is okay with your parents).
  9. Reading instead of doing your homework **does not** count.
  10. Reading instead of watching TV or playing video games **does** count.
  11. Reading assigned homework **does** count.
- Please look at the clock or use a timer or stopwatch to clock your minutes.
  - Please remember that **CHARACTER COUNTS**—be honest with your minutes so that it will be fair and fun for everyone.
  - The last day to read for the Read-A-Thon is **Saturday, October 31**. No minutes will be counted after October 31.

# McLane Elementary Read-A-Thon Reading Minutes Recording Sheet

Make sure that you return your Minute Recording Sheet and Sponsorship Form(s), and your collected money to school by **Tuesday, November 10** in the envelope provided or have sponsors make payments through the online payment option.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

MY GOAL IS TO READ \_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES in October!

## October 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Week Total
			<b>1</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>2</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>3</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>4</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	Week 1 October 1 - 4
<b>5</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>6</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>7</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>8</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>9</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>10</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>11</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	Week 2 October 5 - 11
<b>12</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>13</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>14</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>15</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>16</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>17</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>18</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	Week 3 October 12 - 18
<b>19</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>20</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>21</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>22</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>23</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>24</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>25</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	Week 4 October 19 - 25
<b>26</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>27</b> Minutes Read:  Parent Initials:	<b>28</b> Minutes Read:  Parents Initials	<b>29</b> Minutes Read:  Parents Initials	<b>30</b> Minutes Read:  Parents Initials	<b>31</b> Minutes Read:  Parents Initials		Week 5 October 26 - 31

Turn in your completed sponsorship form, money collected, and this completed minute tracking form by Tuesday, **November 10**.

Total Reading Time: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes!