



March is Reading Month

Dear Parent,

The month of March is designated as National Reading Month. Even though at Murray Lake we make reading a focus the entire year, we would like to intensify this focus on reading throughout the month of March. Our theme this year is camping theme. We are calling it: **CAMP READ A LOT!**

To promote at-home reading (this includes: a child reading to you, a child reading alone, or you reading to a child) for the month of March, we have set weekly school-wide goals for our students. We will track their progress on the bulletin board outside our media center. We have set our school-wide, **weekly, at home reading goal at 500 hours**. If our students meet this weekly goal during March, they will be rewarded with the special activities below:

Week 1 (March 1-8): Students will earn a PJ and read-a-thon day.

Week 2 (March 11-15): Students will earn an extra recess period, and one “no homework” night!

Week 3 (March 18-25): Students will earn a Slushy Party.

Attached to this note are slips for you to fill out and return to us each week. Hard copies were also sent home with your child this week. Each hour your child reads at home will be added to our school total (**Please send in signed forms each Thursday or Friday, so we can get a weekly count before the weekend.**). Your child will also be able to fill out one AR ticket (the same ticket they fill out for 10 accumulated AR points) for each hour of at-home reading they submit. These tickets will be added to our AR drawing tickets. On Tuesday, March 26, we will have a drawing for many prizes, including new bikes (**Thank you to our Family Links for donating all of our prizes!**).

There is **NO SUBSTITUTE** for reading. The more a child reads at home, the better a child does in school. Research has shown this time and time again. Please help us, and put forth an extra effort to promote reading throughout the month of March.

Happy Reading!



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Reading Minutes Recording Form for at home reading only

Send In by March 8

Student Name	
Teacher Name	
Hours Read (3/1-3/8)	
Student Signature	
Parent Signature (required)	

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Send In by March 15

Student Name	
Teacher Name	
Hours Read (3/11-3/15)	
Student Signature	
Parent Signature (required)	

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Send In by March 25

Student Name	
Teacher Name	
Hours Read (3/18-3/25)	
Student Signature	
Parent Signature (required)	

