



Sunnyside Environmental School

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Welcome to the SES Read-A-Thon!

This is the Fourth Annual Read-A-Thon sponsored by the SES PTSA. Last year was a lot of fun and we want to encourage participation throughout all grade levels and have an even more successful fundraiser this year. We invite all families to participate in this wonderful event that will promote literacy and a love of reading in addition to raising funds for SES. By holding a pledge-based event, our hope is that families will reach out to friends, neighbors, grandparents, co-workers...anyone who believes in SES's mission and loves literacy!

What is a Read-A-Thon?

1. Students collect pledges before and during the Event. Pledges will be collected for the number of "units" read by the student during the Read-A-Thon or sponsors may make a flat pledge for the event.

How much time is considered a unit? It depends on your grade.

Grades K-2: 10 minutes of reading = one unit

Grades 3-8: 20 minutes of reading = one unit

Adults: 30 minutes of reading = one unit

2. Beginning Monday, February 4th, students use their "Student Reading Record" (found in the Read-A-Thon flyer) to track how many units of reading are completed per day. **We ask that Parents/Guardians verify each day's reading by initialing on the line for that day.** Assigned reading counts too!
3. Students can continue to add to their reading unit count for the entire two weeks of the Read-A-Thon which ends on Friday, February 15th.
4. After Friday, February 15th, collect your pledges. All Reading Record Sheets, Pledge Sheets and donations are due back in the SES Office by Monday, February 25th, 2013 for students to qualify for the great prizes lined up this year. Please ask sponsors to make their checks payable to "SES PTSA" or they can make their donations online at www.sesptsa.com.

Parents/Guardians are also encouraged to join the Read-A-Thon. Anyone who would like to collect pledges for their own reading is invited to read for SES along with our students. Parent/Guardian pledge forms may be downloaded at www.sesptsa.com.

The dates of the Read-A-Thon are Monday, February 4th through Friday, February 15th. All reading completed during that time (including assigned reading) may be tracked and counted towards reading units.

We have about 600 students at SES. If each student can collect an average of \$100 in pledges, that will raise over **\$60,000** for the PTSA General Fund, which funds the school's sustainability program, music, and scholarships for overnight trips, among many other things. Please help us make this fundraiser a success. Let's show everyone that SES loves reading!

Extra forms and more information may be found on the SES website: www.sesptsa.com.
Please contact Beth Willard-Herr at 503-231-6581 or bethwillardherr@gmail.com with any questions.
Thank you for your participation.