

Vienna Elementary School – Read-A-Thon 2013

The 2013 Read-A-Thon will kick-off on *Monday, January 28th*.

Week	Reading Time	Turn in Bookmarks
Read-A-Thon Week 1	Mon Jan 28 – Sun Feb 3	Mon Feb 4
Read-A-Thon Week 2	Mon Jan 4 – Sun Feb 10	Mon Feb 11
Read-A-Thon Week 3	Mon Feb 11 – Sun Feb 17	Tues Feb 19 (Monday is holiday)
Read-A-Thon Week 4	Mon Feb 18 – Sun Feb 24	Mon Feb 25
<i>Read Across America Day</i>		<i>Celebration Friday, March 1st</i>

The 2013 Read-A-Thon – This Year We Will:

- Track reading minutes and record them on VES Read-A-Thon Bookmarks
- Encourage kids to read all types of media – if you're reading or being read to, it counts!
- Track class progress weekly towards class reading goals on posters outside the classrooms
- ***New this year** - Reward participation with Book Charms for bookmarks turned in that meet the student's weekly goal
- ***New this year** - Encourage competition among classes by rewarding classes with the highest participation and highest percentage of their goal each week with special trophy/award charms and class pictures in the VES lobby.
- Celebrate class success with class celebrations on Read Across America Day
- Open the VES library from 8:00 – 8:30 am throughout the Read-A-Thon for kids to exchange books, read, or be read to by a parent volunteer or older student. ***New this year** – While parents need to walk the students to the library, they do not need to stay with their kids. We are looking for morning volunteers – Please see the VES PTA Website for details.
- Collect donations to be used to support the Read-A-Thon and buy new library books with personalized VES Read-A-Thon book plates. ***New this year** - parents can donate specific books by going to the VES 2013 Read-A-Thon Wish List on Amazon.com. If your child wants to donate a specific book not listed on the wish-list, please let us know and we can add it!

Student Responsibilities:

1. Understand the class reading goal and work with the class to achieve it. Below are the reading goals per student per week by grade level. The class reading goal is a roll up of these minutes for all students in the class over the 4-week period.

Grade	Goal Per Student Per Week
Preschool	50 minutes/week
KG	100 minutes/week
1 st	120 minutes/week
2 nd	140 minutes/week
3 rd	160 minutes/week
4 th and 5 th	220 minutes/week
6 th	260 minutes/week

2. Fill out minutes read each day on the VES Read-a-Thon bookmark (one bookmark per week)
3. **Every Monday**, turn in your bookmark to your teacher.

How Parents Can Help:

1. Read With Your Children - either reading to or alongside your child encourages a lifetime love of reading!
2. Verify the minutes recorded on the VES Read-A-Thon bookmark and sign
3. Donate to support the Read-A-Thon and buy new books for the library - Families who donate will have 2013 Read-A-Thon Book Plates created and put into the books purchased with the money raised. There are multiple ways to donate this year:
 - Fill out and detach the below form and send it back to the VES PTA. (Checks should be made to the VES PTA.)
 - Go to the VES PTA website and donate online.
 - Go to Amazon.com and buy a book on the VES 2013 Read-A-Thon Wish List (or request a new book to be added).
4. If you have questions, please contact Robyn Nguyen at robyn@codiak.com or Lillian Huang at lillianwlau@yahoo.com.

2013 Read-A-Thon Donations

Donation Amount: _____

Family or Student Name(s) for Book Plate: _____