



Welcome to Ready, Set, Read!

Our mission is to create a fun school-wide community event that celebrates reading while empowering students to participate in fundraising for PS 372. All money raised will go directly to help fund school activities and 20% will go to the school library to purchase new books for the students. *Although we want to raise money for the school, our focus will be encouraging participation & excitement about reading. All prizes are based on participation, not amounts raised.*

How it works: The school community asks family, friends, and co-workers to sponsor students either for an amount per minute of reading or as a lump sum donation. Students participating in Ready, Set, Read! record minutes read outside of the classroom every day on their Readathon log sheets. Books count! Reading on a Tablet counts! Magazines count! Comics count! Newspapers count! Even homework reading counts! **Students who are not reading independently should record the minutes they are read to by an adult or other independent reader. Spending time choosing a book or spending any meaningful time engaging with a book counts as participation.**

What Is In My Readathon Packet?

This Instruction Sheet

Keep this sheet to refer to if you have questions. Extra Instruction Sheets, Readathon Log Sheets and Pledge Sheets can be found in the PTA office at the ICT site. Additionally, these sheets are available to download from the incusions.org website.

The Readathon Reading Log

During the whole month of February, each night after they read (or are read to), families should record both what was read and for how many minutes. After reading on 2/13 and again on 2/28, families should tally up the total minutes read and record this number on the reading log sheet in the designated box. Readathon

Logs should remain in children's backpack folders for the month. **At the end of February, please return the Reading Log Sheet & the Pledge Sheet with donation money in an envelope marked "PTA office, PS 372 Readathon" by Monday, March 2nd.**

The Pledge Sheet

Here students record the names of their sponsors and how much each sponsor will contribute, either a lump sum or an amount determined per minutes read. At the end of February, families calculate the total pledge amounts, collect all donations, indicate on the sheet how each pledge was given (check, cash or online donation), and return the Reading Log Sheet & the Pledge Sheet with donation money in an envelope marked "PTA office, PS 372 Readathon" by Monday March 2nd. Checks can be made out to: The PTA of PS 372. Sponsors can donate online via this link: <http://inclusions.org/read-a-thon-payment/> On the reverse side of The Pledge Sheet, you will find a suggested script, which might be useful to you and your child/ren when inquiring about sponsors.

What are Tally Days?

The Mid-Month Tally

2/14 will be an exciting day at PS 372. Students will receive Readathon bookmarks to celebrate participation and encourage more!

The Final Tally Day

At the end of February, please return the Reading Log Sheet & the Pledge Sheet with donation money in an envelope marked "PTA office, PS 372 Readathon" by Monday, March 2nd. On March 5th, volunteers will record minutes read for the entire month of February (please be sure to have tallied your child's final minutes read on the log). **We will need volunteers for both tally days. To help out, please email readathon@ps372.pta.org**

Cool Stuff about Ready, Set, Read!

- Every participant in our Readathon will receive a certificate.
- Students will be awarded bookmarks at the halfway point to celebrate participation and encourage more.
- Students reaching milestone minutes (125, 250, 500 & 1000) will be entered into drawings to win gift certificates to Community bookstore and PS 372 t-shirts.
- At the end, participants will be awarded milestone minute badges.
- The class with the highest rate of participation will receive a pizza party

Happy reading to all & thank you for participating and supporting our school,

Team Readathon & the whole PTA of PS 372