



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 (almost \$17,000 last year!) 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 the minutes they 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!

Homework reading counts! Students who are not reading on their own should record the minutes they are read to by an adult or other independent reader.

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. They are also available to download on Inclusions.org.

The Readathon Reading Log

During the whole month of February, each night after they read (or are read to), students or parents should record both what they read and for how many minutes they read. **After reading on 2/13 and again on 2/29, families should tally up the total minutes read and record this number on the Readathon Log sheet in the designated box.** Readathon Logs should remain in children's backpack folders for the month. **Don't forget to give us the total of minutes read for the entire month at the end of February!**

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 Readathon Log Sheet & the Pledge Sheet with donation money in an envelope marked "PTA office, Readathon" by Tuesday, March 3rd. 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/> Online sponsors will get a bounce back with information for a tax write off. 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

2/14 will be an exciting day at PS 372! Parent volunteers will collect the Reading Log Sheets from classrooms to record how many minutes each student has read thus far. Students who meet certain milestones (125 minutes, 250 minutes, 500 minutes & 1000 minutes) will receive special Readathon badges that they can hang on the backpacks. Reading Log Sheets will be returned to students before they go home on that day so they can continue keeping track of their daily reading activity.

The Final Tally Day – 3/5

At the end of the Readathon, please return the Readathon Log Sheet & the Pledge Sheet with donation money in an envelope marked "PTA office, Readathon" by Tuesday, March 3rd. On Thursday, March 5th volunteers will go through the logs (please be sure to have tallied your child's final minutes read on their log) to determine prizes. **We need volunteers for both Tally Days. Please sign up on Konstella or email readathon@ps372.pta.org**

Cool Stuff about Ready, Set, Read!

- Every participant in our Readathon will receive a certificate.
- Students will be awarded badges to showcase milestone minutes read.
- Students reaching milestone minutes are entered into drawings to win gift certificates to Community Bookstore and for PS 372 gear.
- The class with the most participation in each grade will be awarded bookmarks & will help choose book titles for our school library.
- During the month of February, students are allowed to take out multiple books from the school library. Take advantage of this great resource!

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

Team Readathon & the whole PTA of PS 372