

# Greenwood Read-a-thon

February is **Warm Up With a Good Book** month! To celebrate, Greenwood will hold its annual Read-a-thon. It is a month-long event that helps promote reading for all kids and raises funds to support the Greenwood Media Center and other teacher requests through our Grant Committee.

## Reading Challenge: *How Much Can Greenwood Kids Read in February?*

- Attached to this letter is a Read-a-thon Pledge Sheet. Your child should set a goal of how many minutes can either be read or listened to during the month of February. These sheets will then be used to calculate each classroom's reading goal for the month.
- Weekly record sheets will be sent home at the beginning of the month. Fill in the appropriate box with the number of minutes read that week. Each week in February, we will calculate each classroom's progress toward their goal and put these results on the poster outside their classroom so students can monitor their progress.
- Your child is encouraged to seek sponsors. Family members, friends and neighbors can show their support for reading by making a pledge to raise money for the minutes the children read. This money goes directly to the Media Center at Greenwood and is used for grants for teachers. While we would like to raise as much money as possible, in the interest of the children's safety, **DO NOT APPROACH UNKNOWN NEIGHBORS/STRANGERS FOR MONEY!** Please limit sponsors to family/close friends.
- Children can meet individual and/or class goals.

## Book Exchange / Book Drive

It's time to Sort/Swap/Share! Do you have children's books that are no longer being used? From February 17-20, students or their parents can drop off gently-used books for ages 0-14 to the Media Center. During the week of February 23-27, participating children can select new books for themselves. (Donate 3 books, take out 3 new books! ) Remaining books will be donated to Read Indeed and distributed to needy children around the world. Visit [www.readindeed.org](http://www.readindeed.org) for more information. To arrange for large donations contact Jennifer Eisenmann ([jjeisenmann@comcast.net](mailto:jjeisenmann@comcast.net)). Kayleen Litterer ([Klitterer@yahoo.com](mailto:Klitterer@yahoo.com))

### Greenwood's Read-a-thon Pledge Sheet

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEACHER** \_\_\_\_\_

**My reading goal for the Read-a-thon challenge is \_\_\_\_\_ minutes in the month of February.**

*Benchmarks: 20 minutes per day = 580 minute goal; 30 minutes per day = 870 minute goal; 45 minutes per day = 1305 minute goal; 60 minutes per day = 1740 minute goal.*

Earn money for the Greenwood Media Center and other literacy initiatives by getting sponsors for reading this month. Sponsors can pledge either per minute read (e.g. 1 cent per minute, 5 cents per minute) or with a flat amount (e.g. \$20) if goal is reached.

|   | SPONSOR NAME | PLEDGE PER MINUTES READ | OR | FLAT PLEDGE FOR REACHING GOAL |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| 1   |              |                         | OR |                               |
| 2   |              |                         | OR |                               |
| 3   |              |                         | OR |                               |
| 4   |              |                         | OR |                               |
| 5   |              |                         | OR |                               |
| 6   |              |                         | OR |                               |
| 7   |              |                         | OR |                               |
| <p>Mark this box if your child would like to participate in the Read-a-thon Reading Challenge without sponsors. They will still participate and record their results with the rest of their class.</p> <p><b><i>Please return this pledge sheet to the classroom teacher by Friday, January 29th!</i></b></p> |              |                         |    |                               |

## GREENWOOD READ-A-THON CALENDAR

PLEASE RECORD MINUTES, CUT OUT THE BOX FOR THE WEEK  
AND RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THE NOTED DATE. START AT THE  
BOTTOM!!!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22-29 I READ

\_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES. (RETURN ON MARCH 1.)

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15-21 I READ

\_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES. (RETURN ON FEBRUARY 22.)

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8-14 I READ

\_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES. (RETURN ON FEBRUARY 15.)

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1-7 I READ

\_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES. (RETURN ON FEBRUARY 8.)