

2019-2020 Leary Read-a-Thon



YOUR IMAGINATION...READ!!

We are excited to bring back the annual Leary Read-a-Thon! This Leary PTO literacy program starts **TODAY** and is designed to help our students become better readers while having fun! Our Snuggle Up and Read Day today was our kickoff. For 5 weeks, our school will put the spotlight on reading and will be offering special activities and events organized around literacy.

Children will be asked to make reading a priority every day, and we're asking for families to become cheerleaders and mentors at home to encourage reading and to join in this school- wide effort!

All participants who log their **after-school reading** will be rewarded with a book at the completion of the program. At each grade level, a trophy and a \$50 Scholastic gift certificate will be awarded to the classroom with the most minutes read after-school. These trophies will be displayed in the winning classrooms until the next Read-a-Thon. The student with the overall most read minutes for the entire school will also receive a reward.

Please note that **ALL** after-school reading, including reading done as part of class homework, may be counted toward your logged minutes. While reading with your child is encouraged and wonderful to do, your child may also read independently and log those minutes.

To help make this program as successful as possible, we are asking you, as parents and reading partners, to read through these documents to become familiar with this year's program. **Don't forget to return the participation contract by Friday, January 17th!**

Read-a-Thon Webpage for extra copies: <https://www.rhnet.org/Page/32434>

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students and our school.

Questions? Contact Karen Tabor at ktabor@rhnet.org.

Read-a-Thon Committee:

Karen Tabor,
Leary ELA Coach

Stacey DiGuardi,
Leary Librarian



****Optional Bonus****



Darien Lake Theme Park has a “Read to Succeed” program going on from January 1st-February 28th. This coincides well with our reading program.

For this program, students need to read for a total of 6 hours (360 minutes) and record the date, title and time read **ONLINE**. It is *new this year* that everything is done online. Parents **must** register children and enter the required information online on their own if they wish to participate (schools are not able to enter this data).

Students that complete the requirements will receive a certificate and a free admission ticket to Darien Lake valid from July 1st - August 31st. They will be sent to school sometime in May.

To register for the program:

Visit: www.sixflags.com/books

Use Leary Elementary School’s Code: **AP6A5**



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Calendar of Events

Starts: January 13th

Ends: February 14th



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13 <u>Read-a-Thon Kick-off: Assembly- 8:00am</u> <u>SNUGGLE UP AND READ DAY!</u>	14 Writing Contest Begins!	15 <u>Read a T-Shirt Day</u>	16 Book Exchange	17 <u>Contracts Due</u>	18
19	20 No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 <u>BOOK BINGO begins</u>	22 <u>Read a T-Shirt Day</u>	23 Book Exchange	24 No School- Grading Day	25
26	27 Read (listen) to a book electronically today!	28 Build a word or a story	29 <u>Read a T-shirt Day</u> <u>Halfway Minutes Due!</u>	30 Book Exchange	31 <u>Dress Like A BOOK CHARACTER DAY</u>	1 (February)
2	3 Writing contest entries due	4 Write a letter to someone	5 <u>Read a T-Shirt Day</u>	6 Book Exchange	7 <u>Guest Readers Day</u>	8
9	10 Recommend a book to a friend today!	11 <u>BOOK BINGO ends</u>	12 <u>Read a T-Shirt Day</u>	13 Book Exchange Read a Book you LOVE today!	14 <u>Book Parade</u> <u>Assembly 1pm- Building It Finals</u> <u>Final Minutes Due!</u>	15

Building/Writing Contest



- **Grades K-3**
- **Begins: January 15th**
- **Ends: February 3rd**

Guidelines:

- **Build something out of whatever medium you would like (Even virtual, like in Minecraft!!)**
- **Write a description of what you built on the form provided.**
- **Submit your creation (or a picture of it) and writing to Mrs. Tabor with your name/grade level on it by Feb 3rd.**
- **Have fun and be creative!**

Examples of Possible Building Materials:

kinetic sand	Legos	snow
pom poms	paper	cardboard
blocks	popsicle sticks	clay

BUILDING/WRITING CONTEST

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____



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Creation Title:	
Material Used:	
How did you make it?	



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This year we will again record minutes read on the reading logs provided in this packet. Please see the form to record titles and number of minutes read. If you lost your record sheet or need another one, you can print it from this site: <https://www.rhnet.org/Page/32434>

(*Please NOTE: You can use the same minutes read for the Darien Lake Program but you must ALSO register and enter them online.)

Please send in the minutes twice- for the halfway mark by 1/29/20 and at the end on 2/14/20. There is a separate sheet for each. The winning classes will be notified after winter recess.

Tear off here 

PARTICIPATION CONTRACT: Due January 17th

Please cut on the line below and return this top section to your child's teacher by Friday January 17th.

I pledge to be involved by participating in this program as a READER!

Student Name _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____