

Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in a fun summer reading project: the *Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge*[™]. It's a reading challenge that features a safe, kid-friendly website students and parents can use together.

Studies show that kids who read over the summer maintain the reading skills developed during the school year. This summer-long reading campaign is designed to motivate all children to read more so they maintain and improve their academic skills.

Kids can log reading minutes from May 8 through September 8, 2017. The total logged reading minutes, along with the top school in each state, will be published in the *Scholastic Book of World Records 2018.*

Here are a few simple ways you can help raise a reader:

- Set a goal together and encourage reading throughout the summer with library visits, story time at home, and conversations about books. Let your child see you reading.
- Encourage your child to participate and track reading minutes either with a paper log or online at <u>scholastic.com/summer</u>. It's a kid-friendly, safe online community where students can be a part of a record-setting global team, log reading minutes, and enjoy activities geared for all ages.
- Track our school's reading progress at scholastic.com/summer.
- Download summer reading booklists chosen specifically for your child's age at <u>scholastic.com/summer</u>.

Make reading a big part of your family's summer fun!

Sincerely,

