

Principals' Reading Challenge

"Who Wants to Read Three Million Minutes?"

The principals of Fairborn Intermediate are challenging students to participate in the **Principals' Million Minutes Reading Challenge 2011-2012**. The purpose of this program is to promote at-home reading during this school year. **The challenge is for individual students to read a total of 3000 minutes or more and all of Fairborn Intermediate to read more than three million minutes by May 1.** This may seem like a huge challenge but the benefits include developing better reading skills and establishing a reading habit that will last a lifetime. Each month students will receive a form to record the amount of time they read, the title of the book, total minutes read for the month and a signature of a parent/guardian. These forms should be turned into the classroom teacher at the end of the month. Teachers will collect the forms and turn them into the offices. Parents, please total your child's minutes each month and keep a record of them too. This will help prevent errors at the end of the year.

There are many ways to read 3000 minutes at home between now and May 1. Students may read silently or orally. Parents may also read to their child. Students and parents can take turns reading. Students can read orally to their brothers or sisters.

Research indicates that children of all ages need to read and hear good literature read aloud daily. Reading to your child provides an emotional bond, which will be remembered for a lifetime. Reading not only informs and explains; it also entertains.

The reading challenge will end on May 1. Students can read on any day, for any amount of time, but they should **plan ahead**. **Reaching 3000 minutes takes time, commitment and PLANNING!** If a student reads every school night they will only have to read about 17 minutes each school night. Any time spent reading **at home** counts towards the 3000 minutes!

All students who read 3000 minutes in the Principals' Reading Challenge will receive a **special recognition certificate** for their participation. Students who turn in their form each month will receive **free popcorn**. Students who reach the 3000 minutes goal will **be eligible for a special drawing at the Reading Rally**. Fairborn Intermediate will have a huge Reading Rally in May to celebrate our hard work. Fabulous prizes will be awarded during our Reading Rally. Some lucky readers will be invited to lunch and travel in a **limousine!**

Last year over **95%** of our students participated in the Principals Reading Challenge. They read over **3,343,940** minutes! This year we would like to see even more student participation during the reading challenge. Plan now to read every month for the **Principals' Reading Challenge** and help Fairborn Intermediate **Read Three Million Minutes!**

