

Dear Lafayette Elementary Families,

We are pleased to announce that Lafayette Elementary's 2024 Read-A-Thon will be starting soon! This event is designed to encourage literacy. Our Read-A-Thon will kick off on **Friday, January 26th** and will end on **Friday, February 9th**.

Although our Read-A-Thon begins in the classroom, it continues at home. Students will be asked to complete a reading record.

Reading isn't just about reading words from a book. All forms of "reading" will count toward reading time such as:

- Using iReady, Sora, Raz-Kids, or other reading-focused software programs
- Listening to audiobooks
- Attending literacy tutoring
- Completing reading-focused homework
- Listening to a parent read aloud

We encourage families to have a read-in, listen to an audiobook together, or find other ways to make reading a fun learning experience.

The attached packet includes the following:

Guidelines: For your review

Reading Record: Use to track reading minutes and units

BINGO Board: Complete to earn a prize



Reading is food for the brain!
-Mirabel C. Pagan



Let's devour good books!!

Lafayette Elementary PTO
2024 READ-A-THON

IMPORTANT DATES

January 26th
Read-A-Thon begins

February 9th
Read-A-Thon ends

February 15th
Reading Records are due

Fundraising Prizes

\$25-\$49: you will receive a free ice cream coupon and your name will be put in a drawing for a gift card

\$50-\$99: you will receive a book and a free ice cream coupon

\$100+: you will receive a book, reading goodie bag, and a gift card

PLUS: the top fundraising class will win a classroom prize

Reading Prizes

Turn in a completed BINGO board: you will receive a reading goodie bag and free ice cream coupon

Top Reading Unit Student Winner (one per class): you will choose a new book and gift card

Top Reading Unit Classroom Winner (one for PK-1 & one for 2-5 grades): Cooking Party

FINALLY: If our school as a whole hits 7,000 reading units, Ms. Weir and Ms. Stone will compete in a cooking challenge

**DONATE
ONLINE @**

Thank you for your support!
- Lafayette Elementary PTO

cougarsreadathon2024.cheddarup.com

Read-A-Thon Guidelines

1. **PARTICIPATION:** All students enrolled at Lafayette Elementary School are eligible to participate in the Read-A-Thon. A parent/guardian must include their signature on the Reading Record to validate a student's totals.

2. **DATES:** The Read-A-Thon runs from Friday, January 26th - Friday, February 9th, 2024.

3. **SCORING:** A student's Total Units Read is considered the number of units completed AND verified by the student's parent/guardian. Verification is indicated by a parent/guardian's initials next to Units Read for each day on the Reading Record.

- Reading time includes: reading books or magazines, using a reading-focused software program, listening to audiobooks, attending literacy tutoring, completing reading-focused homework, and listening to parents read aloud.

- **Only time spent reading outside of school can count as units.**

4. **TURNING IN FORMS:** Please return your completed Reading Record and BINGO board and make donations by **Thursday, February 15th!**

5. **DONATIONS:** Financial contributions can be made online at <https://cougarsreadathon2024.cheddarup.com> or checks can be made payable to "Lafayette Elementary PTO." Funds will continue to support additional supplies for our staff and classroom teachers, literacy and math tutors, Garden to Table, and future field trips for Lafayette students. Any amount helps.

6. **QUESTIONS:** Contact cougarptovp@gmail.com.



Lafayette Elementary PTO 2024 Read-A-Thon

READING RECORD

STUDENT'S NAME

TEACHER'S NAME

GRADE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTE

Please sign off on your child's reading units. Forms must be returned to the school by February 15th.

Parent/Guardian Signature

READING UNITS

Pre-K 5 minutes = 1 unit
 Grades K-1 10 minutes = 1 unit
 Grades 2-3 20 minutes = 1 unit
 Grades 4-5 30 minutes = 1 unit

PLEASE SEE THE PARENT LETTER AND
 RULES SHEET FOR A FULL LIST OF
 READ-A-THON GUIDELINES

Keep track of your reading below.
 Please have a parent or guardian initial
 beside the units read.

DATE	MINUTES READ	UNITS READ	PARENT/ GUARDIAN INITIALS
Fri. 1/26			
Sat. 1/27			
Sun. 1/28			
Mon. 1/29			
Tues. 1/30			
Wed. 1/31			
Thurs. 2/1			
Fri. 2/2			
Sat. 2/3			
Sun. 2/4			
Mon. 2/5			
Tues. 2/6			
Wed. 2/7			
Thurs. 2/8			
Fri. 2/9			
TOTAL UNITS READ			



2024 READ-A-THON BINGO

<i>STUDENT'S NAME</i>		<i>TEACHER'S NAME</i>		<i>GRADE</i>
Read a recipe in a cookbook	Build a fort and read with a flashlight	Read out loud to a family member	Read a book about an animal	Read about someone famous
Read a magazine article	Video call: read aloud to family/friends far away	Action! Do the activity you read about	Read about a different country or culture	Read a book a friend recommends
Read to a pet or stuffed animal	Read outside	FREE  SPACE	Read a book associated with a movie	Read the Curious Cougar News
Read on iReady, Sora or Raz-kids	Listen to an audiobook	Read a poem	Listen to a family member read aloud	Read an award-winning book
Read with a friend	Read a book your parent read as a kid	Read while wearing PJs	Draw a picture about the book you read	Read a graphic novel or comic book

Bring your board to school by **Feb. 15** with a 5-in-a-row BINGO colored and a parent/guardian's signature to receive a reading goodie bag and a free ice cream coupon.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____