



March Is Reading Month



Dear Families,

It's that time of year where reading takes center stage! This year's theme is **ANIMALS!** We have a lot of exciting events planned for the children.

- Encourage your child to create a personal reading goal to increase time spent reading! (Reading minutes can include: your child reads to you, reads alone, has a book read to them, or listens to an audio book)
- Reading tickets will come home and are divided into 20 minute increments, 1 hour per ticket. Please sign the tickets as the reading minutes are earned, and return the ticket when it's complete!
 - Each ticket also enters your child into a weekly drawing to win a free book or poster...so the more tickets turned in the better the chances!
- Earn a new Spirit Tag for March is Reading Month! Meet the reading requirement for your grade (listed below) and earn the white book tag! Be one of the top 3 readers of your class (based on hours read), and earn the gold reading tag!
 - JK/Kindergarten – 2 hours (per student)
 - 1st Grade – 4 hours
 - 2nd Grade – 6 hours
 - 3rd Grade – 8 hours
 - 4th Grade – 10 hours
 - We will also have a school wide goal for reading hours which we will update in our showcase!
- March 1—Kickoff Assembly in the morning. Students can dress like their favorite animal and/or can wear Red, White, & Black or anything that celebrates the works of Dr. Seuss. Each classroom will have guest readers in the afternoon!
- March 1—Family Movie Night, featuring the animated film *The Lorax* (6:30-8:30 pm)
- March 5 & March 7—students going to the Encore play *Seussical the Musical* (10-11:15 am)
- March 6--come join us for an Ice Cream Social in the Lakes Cafeteria from 6:00-7:30 pm and shop at the Spring Book Fair in the Media Center from 6:00-7:30 pm!
- March 7 & 8--Lunch with Loved Ones—come have lunch with your JK, Kindergarten, or 1st grade student in the cafeteria and then shop at the book fair! (JK/K lunch & recess is 11:00-11:40; 1st grade lunch & recess is 12:00-12:40). Book Fair also open from 4-6 pm on March 7!
- March 12--Lakes Teachers will be reading our favorite books at Cromaine library at 6:30 pm, please come!
- March 18—Bryan Chick, author of *The Secret Zoo* series, will be visiting with our 1st-4th graders.

Thank you and Happy Reading!

Mr. Howerton and the Lakes PTO

