



RJ Lockhart PTA

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome back to school and to a new schedule for Parents As Reading Partners.

PARP is a state-wide program designed to involve parents (and other significant adults) in fostering a love of reading in children by emphasizing reading together. Our program, which runs for one month from October 1 through 31, features fun events, give-aways, and a contest to help us and our children focus on the importance of reading together every day. Reading aloud to children has been called the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for success in reading.

Our program, which was formerly held in February/March, has been moved to October because it is still early in the school year and not as busy a time. In addition, you don't have to worry about PARP during winter break!

Our theme this year, **Treat Yourself to a Good Book**, will go hand in hand with a spooky Halloween theme featuring the lab of our resident Mad Scientist. Our contest will reveal which grade rules in reading. Each grade will be a team and will compete against all other grades to win a make-your-own-sundae victory celebration.

Here is what you need to do at home:

Contract – Review the attached contract with your child. Sign and return it to school by October 1.

Read and Report – Beginning October 1, read together for at least 15 minutes a day. Record reading time on the Weekly Reading Slips, and send each completed weekly slip back to school on Monday of the following week. Please be sure to include your child's GRADE so we can track minutes read by grade, AND PRINT child's name legibly, because every child who reads and reports their reading will be recognized in 2 ways:

1. Each week that your child reads at least 15 minutes, 5 times per week, your child will earn a puzzle piece. We will assemble the puzzles, and display them by teacher throughout the halls of Lockhart. Names will be displayed, not individual reading times.
2. Each child with a completed puzzle will receive a gift after the conclusion of the program. Four puzzle pieces are needed to complete the puzzle and there are five Weekly Reading Slips, so if you miss one week of eligibility you can still earn the reward.

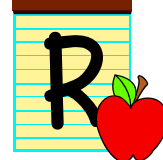


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We understand that participation in PARP is “uncool” for older students. Students who do not want their participation posted but still want to try to win the make-your-own-sundae celebration for their grade may mail Weekly Reading Slips directly to Lockhart. Please make the envelope to the attention of PARP, and be sure to include teacher’s name and grade.

Results by grade will be updated weekly on the main hallway bulletin board in the “Mad Scientist’s lab.” Whichever grade has the fullest beaker will be the winners. To compensate for the difference in number of students per grade, we will be using minutes read by student to judge the contest winners.


Last year our students read over 156,000 minutes. This year our goal is 175,000 minutes. If we meet or exceed this goal, the whole school will receive an ice pop treat.




Once again, all you need to do at home is remember your five **R**'s:

 Review, sign, and

 Return the contract to your teacher

 Read at least 15 minutes, 5 times a week and

 Record results on Weekly Reading Slips

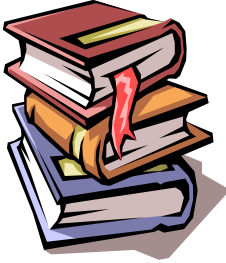
 Return Slips weekly either to your teacher, or mail to Lockhart, Attn: PARP

If you have any question, please contact any of the PARP committee members:

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Beth Fitzgerald	798-0603
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TREAT YOURSELF TO A GOOD BOOK



RAYMOND J. LOCKHART
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parents As Reading Partners
Contract



_____ in _____ class
(student) (teacher)

and

(parent/guardian)

Will read together for at least 15 minutes each day starting

Wednesday, October 1st
thru
Friday, October 31st

Signed: _____
(student)

Signed: _____
(parent/guardian)

PARP 2008/2009

WEEKLY READING SLIPS

Record the number of minutes that you read each day. Cut along the dotted line and hand in your weekly reading slips EVERY Monday. These will be used to tally minutes read by all grades. Please make sure your name and your teachers name is clearly printed on the sheet. Check the bulletin board in the Main Lobby to see which grade is in the lead.

WEEKLY SLIP: October 26th - October 31st: (Hand in Monday, Nov. 3rd)

Oct. 26 _____ Oct. 27 _____ Oct. 28 _____ Oct. 29 _____ Oct. 30 _____

Oct. 31 _____

Students Name: _____ Reading Partner Name: _____

Grade _____ Teacher: _____

WEEKLY SLIP: October 19th - October 25th (Hand in Monday, Oct. 27th)

Oct. 19 _____ Oct. 20 _____ Oct. 21 _____ Oct. 22 _____ Oct. 23 _____

Oct. 24 _____ Oct. 25 _____

Students Name: _____ Reading Partner Name: _____

Grade _____ Teacher: _____

WEEKLY SLIP: October 12th- October 18th (Hand in Monday, Oct. 20th)

Oct. 12 _____ Oct. 13 _____ Oct. 14 _____ Oct. 15 _____ Oct. 16 _____

Oct. 17 _____ Oct. 18 _____

Students Name: _____ Reading Partner Name: _____

Grade _____ Teacher: _____

WEEKLY SLIP: October 5th - October 11th (Hand in Tuesday, Oct. 14th)

Oct. 5 _____ Oct. 6 _____ Oct. 7 _____ Oct. 8 _____ Oct. 9 _____

Oct. 10 _____ Oct. 11 _____

Students Name: _____ Reading Partner Name: _____

Grade _____ Teacher: _____

WEEKLY SLIP: October 1st- October 4th (Hand in Monday, Oct. 6th)

Oct. 1 _____ Oct. 2 _____ Oct. 3 _____ Oct. 4 _____

Students Name: _____ Reading Partner Name: _____

Grade _____ Teacher: _____