

Jazz Reading Meeting
January 11, 2016

I. Meeting Down Town – Thelma

Jazz Reading will begin this Friday. It goes from January 15th - February 16th. All figures from our school will need to be reported on February 17th (unsure of the time yet). We will have all the kids estimate how much reading they will do on February 16th so that all final numbers can be submitted by the end of the day that day so the total reading minutes can be tallied and ready to submit the morning of the 17th. It seems that most of the rules are the same as last year. No reading subtitles on TV, no audio books, no counting reading during school hours.

II. Decide on School Goal

Our goal last year was 450,000 minutes of reading for the entire school. Last year the school was able to reach 530,000 minutes. We will keep the goal the same at 450,000 for this year because we have so many new families.

III. Reading Slips

We will need to have all the at home sign off reading slips ready for teachers to hand out on Thursday (no AM kindergarten this week so it will need to be done a day early). Jessica will be taking care of it and will check for any parent volunteers. They will be color coded for each week just like last year. All the copies and cutting will be done this week so that all that needs to be done is placing them in the teacher's boxes every week. We will need someone to double check the slips with the total reading sheet for each child. We will check with Susie Scherer to see if the teacher's aids can do it. If not, we may do a sign up genius for parent volunteers to come in on Friday mornings. Two of the slips will need to be different from the others. The week of the Daddy Donut Day and the PJ Reading Night will have an extra space to record those hours.

We will be doing the before and after school reading again this year. Before school will be parent volunteers (Thelma will do Tuesdays and Thursdays) to come in at 7:00 am to read to the kids. There will be a separate sign-up sheet for kids to log those hours. Teachers will have the chance to volunteer for the after school reading (rewards will be given to those teachers who volunteer).

IV. Prizes

Shellece has put together a list of all the prizes for this year (see last page). She will make papers with coupons for free dress days, homework passes, extra PE, and extra recess that will be distributed to the entire class with the most minutes each week. At the end of the program, the class with the most minutes logged will get a pizza party. Every Monday, prizes will be distributed for those with logged minutes. Volunteers will hand out the prizes, and members of the student council will hand out coupons to local businesses. We should have a few extra prizes to have a drawing for the kids that come to the before and after reading to encourage more to come.

V. Communication

We will be updating the e-mails from last year to send out to all the parents notifying them of the program. It will include a list of the rules. Paper copies will also be given out.

VI. Events:

a. *Kick-Off Assembly*: Tentative date is the morning of Friday January 15. We will explain the program, quickly go over some rules, and try to get the kids excited about the program. A small table will be set up with a few of the bigger prizes to show the kids some of the things they can win. We will even get the school Mascot to ride around on a scooter (one of the prizes). Kammi will try to put together a quick slide show of pictures of the program's activities from the years past.

b. *Daddy Donut Day*: Tentative date is January 29th at 7:00 am. We will need to check with Krispy Kreme and a few other local donut places to see if we can get some donations. We will need about 500 donuts. If we cannot get enough donated then we will do a sign-up genius to have parents bring some. We will purchase some small water bottles from Costco for the drinks.

c. *PJ Reading Night*: Tentative date is February 4th at 6:30 pm. We will likely be doing popcorn and hot chocolate. We will need to use some money from the budget for popcorn bags and hot chocolate cups with lids. Volunteers will be asked to bring large water jugs that we can use to keep the hot chocolate hot.

d. *Reward Assembly*: Tentative date is February 19th. If the school reaches their reading goal then we will plan for someone to come and do a fun assembly for the kids. We will need to see how much money is left in the budget and that will go towards the assembly. Some ideas are the Scales and Tails guy, the Bean Museum, Green Drum guys, or doing something simpler that involve the teachers (shaving heads again, pies at Susie, Sumo wrestling teachers). It also depends on how much time is allotted for the assembly.