



TRACK READING:

Sept 30 - Oct 27

TURN IN WEEKLY MINUTES

RECORD EACH MONDAY

STARTING OCTOBER 7

TRACKING CALENDAR AND

PLEDGE SHEETS DUE:

October 28 - November 1

CLOSING CEREMONY:

November 7, 9am

We are excited to announce this year's Read-a-Thon — **Reading is my Super Power!**

The purpose of the Read-a-Thon is twofold:

- Encourage students to develop good reading habits
- Raise money for PTA projects and budgeted items that benefit the entire Horace Mann School community such as the library, field trips, and Art Adventure.

Each successive year of the Read-a-Thon, students have read more minutes and raised more money than the previous year.

Participating in the Read-a-Thon is as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1. Set a Daily Reading Goal.** Each student sets a goal for how many minutes they will read each day. Time spent reading in and out of school counts. Time parents or others read aloud to a student also counts.
- 2. Track Reading Outside School.** Each student tracks daily minutes read outside school using the enclosed Minute Tracking Calendar. *** **Students turn in a Weekly Minutes Record each Monday with the number of minutes read outside school the previous week to receive a special participation prize.** *** Teachers track reading time at school. Teachers will provide the class' total reading minutes to students at the end of the Read-a-Thon to add to the Minute Tracking Calendar.
- 3. Secure Sponsors and Collect Pledges.** Each student is encouraged to find sponsors – parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, neighbors – to pledge money based on the student's reading. A pledge can be per minute or a set amount (see enclosed Pledge Sheet). After the Read-a-Thon, the student collects their pledges and returns the Minute Tracking Calendar, Pledge Sheet, and any money raised to school volunteers any morning the week of October 28 - November 1.

Horace Mann School-Wide Read-a-Thon Goals:

1. Horace Mann students collectively read **600,000 minutes** from September 30 - October 27. **If the school reaches this goal, Mr. Litwin will complete a special challenge at the Closing Ceremony!**
2. Raise **\$20,000** in Read-a-Thon pledges. As one of the main school fundraisers, the money raised is key to the success of the PTA's goals for funding school activities.

How Families Can Help:

Work with your child to set a daily reading goal, including reading time in and outside school. An estimate for school reading time is 45 minutes per school day.

Suggested reading goals outside school for students by grade level:

Kindergarten:	20 minutes per day
1 st and 2 nd grade:	25 minutes per day
3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th grades:	30 minutes per day

Review the Read-a-Thon Rules to understand what is involved. Then help your child secure sponsors and keep accurate records of daily home reading time using the Minute Tracking Calendar. *Teachers will track reading time at school.*

Read-a-Thon Rules:

- The Read-a-Thon is September 30 - October 27. Time spent reading before and after these dates do not count towards Read-a-Thon minutes.
- Time spent reading aloud to a child counts towards minutes read outside school.
- Track daily minutes read in the Minute Tracking Calendar.
- Students return Weekly Minutes Record each Monday to receive a participation prize.
- Enter total amount of money collected on "total collected" line of the Pledge Sheet.
- Checks can be made payable to "*Horace Mann PTA.*" Pledges are tax deductible.
- Seek to double your donation if your employer has a matching gift program!
- **Minute Tracking Calendars, and any Pledge Sheets and money must be returned during the week of October 28 - November 1, for students and classrooms to be eligible for prizes. Volunteers will be outside the cafeteria before school each day that week to collect materials.**
- Top two students from each grade with most minutes read will be recognized at the Closing Ceremony. Classroom with the highest participation (based on returned Minute Tracking Calendar) will be recognized with a classroom celebration.
- Classroom Grand Prize awarded for highest participation rate based on individual Minute Tracking Calendars turned into PTA volunteers the week of Oct 28 - Nov 1.

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