



Carroll County Times



Dear Families,

For the 2011-2012 school year, all Carroll County elementary school students are encouraged to participate in a very exciting reading incentive, **READY, SET, READ!** The incentive is sponsored by Ravens' player Matt Birk's HIKE Foundation in partnership with the Carroll County Times. Students are asked to read and respond to text throughout the year using a journal provided by the Foundation. Specific quarterly grade level goals are established for minutes read and journal responses. Please see the chart below.

Quarter 1 Expectations		
Grades	Minutes	Journals
K-1	250	8
2-3	350	8
4-5	450	8

Quarter 2-4 Expectations		
Grades	Minutes	Journals
K-1	500	16
2-3	700	16
4-5	900	16

Throughout each grading quarter, students will keep track of the minutes they read and the journals they completed on their quarterly calendars. Every quarter your child will receive a new calendar and they will glue it into their journal. At the end of every month and every quarter, please calculate the total number of minutes read and journals completed. Your child's journal should be kept in the backpack at all times.

Calendar example –
Grade 3: Quarter 1

Quarter 1 – (September 16 – November 3)
Directions: Please use the calendars below to record the number of minutes your child read each night. If your child completed a journal, please write a "J" in the box as well. At the end of this quarter, please total the number of minutes read and journals completed for quarter 1.

September 2011						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Minutes read in Sept. _____						
Journals completed _____						

October 2011						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	November 2011				
		1	2	3		
Minutes read in Oct. & Nov. _____						
Journals completed _____						

Quarter 1	Total Minutes Read _____
	Total Journals Completed _____
	Parent Signature _____

Remember any reading counts! For example, Raz-Kids, magazines, recipes, as well as books are all types of reading. Reading will only meet half of the expectations though. In order to meet each quarterly goal, students also need to write in their journals. Within your child's journal, you will see a Tic-Tac-Toe grid that provides possible reading response journal ideas. We also encourage students to write letters to Matt Birk in their journal sharing what they have read. Matt Birk will encourage students to read throughout the school year with phone calls, video messages in schools, and on Channel 21. Keep your eyes and ears open!

For each grading quarter your child meets the reading and writing goal, he/she is entered into the school's quarterly drawing. There will be a K-2 and 3-5 name picked each grading quarter. Those students will receive a quarterly prize...but that's not all! His or her name will be listed in the Carroll County Times as the quarterly winner for their school and their name will appear on Channel 21! In addition, when your child meets the quarterly expectations for the first three grading quarters, he/she will be entered into the Grand Prize drawing, even if they won a quarterly prize in previous quarters. The winners of the Grand Prize will be announced in May. Then, one student from grades K-2 and one student from grades 3-5 from each elementary school in Carroll County will win a trip to meet Matt Birk, tour the Ravens' Stadium, and have lunch downtown. Matt Birk is excited and we are too...so **READY, SET, READ! GOOD LUCK!!**

Sincerely,

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me - merhoad@carrollk12.org

Quarter 1 – (September 16 – November 3)

KEEP YOUR JOURNAL IN YOUR BACKPACK AT ALL TIMES

Directions: Please use the calendars below to color in the day in order to record that you have read for your 15 minutes. If your child completed a journal, please write a “J” in the box as well. At the end of this quarter, please total the number of minutes read and journals completed for quarter 1. PARR’s KICK OFF is October 5th!

October 2011							
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
						1	
2	3	4	5 KICK OFF	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31	November 2011					
		1	2	3			
Minutes read in Oct. & Nov. _____							
Journals completed _____							

Quarter 2 – (November 4 – January 26)

Directions: Please use the calendars below to color in the day in order to record that you have read for your 15 minutes. If your child completed a journal, please write a “J” in the box as well. At the end of this quarter, please total the number of minutes read and journals completed for quarter 2.

November 2011						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
Minutes read in November _____						
Journals completed _____						

December 2011						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Minutes read in December _____						
Journals completed _____						

January 2012						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26		
Minutes read in January _____						
Journals completed _____						

Quarter 2	Total Minutes Read _____
	Total Journals Completed _____
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