

# Summer Readathon 2009

## Survivor: Coney Island

### What is the Readathon?

It is very important that children read throughout the summer. Reading skills encompass every aspect of your child's school day ~ whether that be algebra, geography, science, or social studies. Numerous studies show that reading over the summer has a direct correlation to school success. The readathon is an incentive program that encourages and rewards summer reading.

### **How does it work?**

You have a choice of counting minutes or pages that you read. That can be determined by your family what works best for each individual reader. If you're not sure what works best for you, try counting both for a week and see what you like better. There is an understanding that the books read are, for the most part, at your child's reading level. Please be watchful of that at older grade levels.

### **Once I reach my goal, what do I do?**

Keep Reading!!! Turn in your forms to Miss Gelhar before Friday, September 11th (the first Friday of school). The forms you need to turn in are:

The Readathon Prize Information Form

AND your reading calendar sheets

\*\*\* Both **must** be signed by a parent so we know they can verify the number of minutes or pages read and agree to the prize you selected.

Both forms will be in the newsletter this week and on the website.

### **All-School Goal! Miss Gelhar is a SURVIVOR!**

If as a school, you read over 400,000 minutes/pages, Miss Gelhar will have to spend the night on Coney Island. Those who participated in the Readathon will get to walk down to the lake and watch her come from the island and walk her back to school for the day.

### **Chances in a drawing for prizes!**

The more you read, you receive chances in a drawing to win prizes. See more information on the Individual Prize Level page!

**Questions?** I do not mind calls at home or leave a message at school (442-4500 x 154). I check in at school at least once a week. You can also e-mail me at [vgelhar@stjosephwaconia.org](mailto:vgelhar@stjosephwaconia.org) and I will get back to you.

## INDIVIDUAL PRIZE LEVELS

**Important Notice:** This year, the lowest level prizes will be given at the public library. The two prizes from the library will only be given when you sign up for the reading program at the library. The library only counts minutes. However, if you would like to count pages, you can either skip the two prizes at the library or count both until that point and then just pages after that. I will accept either pages or minutes for the Readathon.

### Clearwater Lake 10 hours (600+ minutes)

- Go to the **Waconia Public Library** and receive a book plate

### Lake Waconia 20 hours (1200+ minutes/pages)

- Go to the **Waconia Public Library** and receive a free book!
- You will receive 1 out of uniform pass

### Coney Island 30 hours (1800+ minutes/pages)

- You will be invited to a breakfast at school in September
- You will receive 1 out of uniform pass (2 total)
- You will get one chance in the drawing

### Naegele's Park 40 hours (2400+ min./pages)

- You will be invited to a breakfast at school in September
- You will have extra recess & treat on a nice day in September
- You will receive 1 out of uniform pass (3 total)
- You will get two chances in the drawing

### Paradise of the Northwest 50+ hours (3000+ minutes/pages)

- You will be invited to a breakfast at school in September
- You will receive a \$5 gift certificate from a place of your choice in the certificate section.
- You will receive 1 out of uniform pass (4 total)
- You will get three chances in the drawing

**Chances in the drawing!** Some things in the drawing are an ice cream sundae for everyone in your class that did the Readathon, lunch with 2 friends and Miss Gelhar, gift certificates, a pizza/bowling party with 2 friends and Miss Gelhar ... other things yet to be determined.

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

You will notice that there are special prize levels for kindergartners. That is because we realize that the goals for the older students are a bit unrealistic for our youngest budding reading enthusiasts!

The goals for the current Kindergarten students are as follows:

Lake Waconia - at least 500 minutes/pages read

Coney Island - at least 900 minutes/pages read

Naegele's Park - at least 1200 minutes/pages read

Paradise of the Northwest - at least 1500 minutes/pages read

Half of the minutes read for the goal of Kindergartners must be read by the Kindergartner him/herself. The other half can be read to the child by a parent, grandparent, or older sibling.

For example, 300 minutes must be read by the child to reach the Lake Waconia level, 450 for the Coney Island level, 600 for the Naegele's Park level and 750 for the Paradise of the Northwest level. It seems big, but it can be done. Mrs. Evander and Mrs. Philp send home those great little books that can be read more than once ... Dr. Suess books that they have read many times work, too.

I have been told that the year right after kindergarten is the most crucial as far as the Readathon goes. I think that is because if they are at that point where they are ready to read and they take two-three months off, you really take 10 steps backwards. If they are at that point, not only is it important that they continue to be read to, but it is just as crucial that they continue to go through sounds and read themselves.

There is also a special recording form for the Kindergartners, with one calendar for recording minutes or pages read by the child him/herself and one calendar for recording minutes or pages adults or older siblings read to the Kindergartner. That way it will be easy to keep the totals straight. Thank you!

Good Luck! Happy Reading!

Call me at home or school if you have any questions.

Virginia Gelhar

# Kindergarten Readathon Prize Information Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (09-10) 1

Total number of minutes/pages read by student: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of minutes/pages read to student: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
parent signature

Indicate the level and prize choices below!!

\_\_\_\_\_ Lake Waconia - at least 500 total minutes/  
250 by the kindergartner

- 1 out of uniform pass

\_\_\_\_\_ Coney Island - 900 total minutes/  
450 by the kindergartner

- Breakfast! • 1 out of uniform pass (2 total)
- 1 chance in the drawing

\_\_\_\_\_ Naegele's Park - 1200 total minutes or pages/  
600 by the kindergartner

- Breakfast • 1 out of uniform pass (3 total)
- Recess/treat • 2 chances in the drawing

\_\_\_\_\_ Paradise of the Northwest - 1500 total minutes  
750 by the kindergartner

- Choose 1 \$5 gift certificate from the section below
- 1 out of uniform pass (4 total) • Breakfast
- 3 chances in the drawing

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## \$5 Certificate Section - choose 1

### Waconia Area:

Duebers \_\_\_\_\_

Frost and Steam \_\_\_\_\_

Mocha Monkey \_\_\_\_\_

McDonald's \_\_\_\_\_

Pizza Ranch \_\_\_\_\_

Target \_\_\_\_\_

### Eden Prairie Center:

Barnes and Noble \_\_\_\_\_

Bath and Body Works \_\_\_\_\_

The Gap \_\_\_\_\_

Limited, Too \_\_\_\_\_

1 movie pass to the Waconia Theatre \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (09-10) 1

## Kindergarten Summer Readathon Calendar

Record the minutes or pages read in each calendar square and turn this in with your prize information sheet by Friday, September 11, 2009.

### June, 2009 - minutes or pages read by Kindergartener

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					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				

June  
total of  
minutes or  
pages child  
read =

\_\_\_\_\_

### June, 2009 - minutes or pages read to child by adult

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					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				

June  
total of  
minutes or  
pages read  
to child =

\_\_\_\_\_

## July, 2009 - minutes or pages read by Kindergartener

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			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	AUGUST 1

July  
total of  
minutes or  
pages child  
read =

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## July, 2009 - minutes or pages read to child by adult

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			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	AUGUST 1

July  
total of  
minutes or  
pages read  
to child =

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## August/Sept., 2009 - minutes or pages read by Kindergartener

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	SEPT. 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	SEPT. 11 FORMS DUE TODAY!!	

Aug./Sept.  
total of  
minutes or  
pages child  
read =

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## August/Sept., 2009 - minutes or pages read to child by adult

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	SEPT. 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	SEPT. 11 FORMS DUE TODAY!!	

Aug./Sept.  
total of  
minutes or  
pages read  
to child =

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We kept track of    minutes    pages (circle one)

Grand total of minutes or pages read = \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that my child read the minutes shown above and  
qualifies for a prize in the Summer Readathon.

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parent signature