



January 20, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

M. Joan Pearson School continues to focus on the importance of literacy. This year we will celebrate “Read Across America” and encourage the love of reading by participating in our theme “HATS OFF to Reading” which will be sponsored by Six Flags Great Adventure.

We encourage all students to participate. Students will have to read and record the amount of minutes read each day on the attached reading log. These logs must be signed each night by an adult to get credit for this program. The reading log will be collected at the beginning of each week and on the last day of the program. We will be recording student participation and keeping track by grade level in a school wide competition.

The time period for the completion of this reading log activity is **January 25th to February 26th**.

Important things to remember:

1. Please encourage your child to read each night.
2. Don't forget to fill out the reading log each night and sign it.
3. Turn in the reading logs on February 1, 8, 16, 22 and 26.
4. Keep the reading log in a safe place (we recommend homework folders).

Your child will have an opportunity to earn a free admission ticket to Six Flags Great Adventure by reading for 360 minutes (six hours) over this time period. Reading to your child counts too!! It works out to approximately 15 minutes a night. If your child completes this task and hands in the signed reading log by the deadline, he/she will receive the free admission ticket at the end of the school year!

We will display our “Hats Off To Reading” school wide competition on the bulletin board in the main foyer.

During this time period we will have Friday theme days to celebrate “Read Across America”.

January 29: Wild Sock Day and School Color Day (Green and White)

February 5: Wild Hat Day

February 12: Olympics –Wear Red/ White/ Blue

February 19: Pajama Day

February 26: Have a Heart Day (Wear Red)

**Jump Rope for Heart is Today

March 2: Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss:

Bring in your favorite Dr. Seuss book to read at designated time

March 3: Assembly: “It’s Time to Read” (w/ Ronald McDonald) 2pm

This is a great opportunity to encourage the love of reading. Thank you for your cooperation and working together with us to celebrate “Hats Off To Reading!”

Mrs. Bobbie Behnke
Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Smith
Read Across America Chairperson

