

# OP's Summer Reading Challenge

## "20 Minutes Before Bed Gets Your Child Ahead"

Dear OP Students and Families,

We are very excited to announce the OP Summer Reading Challenge. We all know how important reading is! If you can read, you can learn anything! This program will help your child keep their reading skills sharp and ensure that they are ready for next year. The idea behind the program is to get students reading!

### When does it start?

The program begins on June 1st and ends on August 31st.

### How much do I have to read?

All K-2 students are asked to read at least 500 minutes and all 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to read at least 1,000 minutes for the summer. We would love for them to read more than that if they can – all reading minutes count!

### How do I keep track of my reading time?

On the back of this letter is the OP Summer Reading Challenge - every day students will record the minutes they read on the calendar. There is a special line in each box on the calendar to make it easy to keep track of daily reading minutes. We have also included a special spot for students to tabulate the number of minutes they read for each month. Simply add up the total number of minutes for the entire summer and return this form signed by a parent in the fall.

### What counts as reading?

Any reading material will count: magazines, books, newspapers, comics, etc. The idea is that your child is reading, so all reading counts!! We also want your child to try new genres: mystery, nonfiction, realistic fiction, biography, historical fiction, fantasy and etc. Make sure that your child is reading "just right" books; these are the books that they can read on their own and enjoy. Ask them to read aloud to you and ask them questions to make sure they understood what they read. If your child is not reading on their own yet read together. Ask your child questions and talk about what you read.

### What is the goal? Are there prizes?

The goal of the program is **500 minutes of reading for K-2 students and 1,000 minutes for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students**. All students who meet their challenge will receive a special treat at the beginning of the school year. In addition, every student who completes the challenge and returns their form signed by a parent will have their name entered in a drawing for a **\$25.00 Target gift card**. We will have one gift card for each grade level (Thanks OP PTA). Don't worry 4<sup>th</sup> graders we will collect your forms and make sure you get your prizes too!

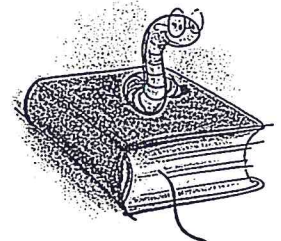
### Additional Ways to Keep their Skills Sharp!

Summer learning loss is a real phenomenon – when students have extended time off and don't practice what they've learned their skills begin to decline. Students who have a **RAZ kids** or **Lexia** account can use it all summer long – that counts as reading! ☺ Also check out **FrontRowEd**, **Starfall**, **Spelling City**, **Xtra Math**, **Splash Math** and **Education Galaxy** to help them keep those all of their skills sharp!

If your child misplaces their form just visit our OP website and look under Schools/OP/OP Forms for another copy. Enjoy your summer and encourage your child to read, read, read!

Have a wonderful summer and "Happy Reading",

OP Staff ☺



2018 JUNE						
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

JUNE TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ [www.calendar-to-print.com](http://www.calendar-to-print.com)  
Minutes

Summer

Reading

Challenge



2018 JULY						
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				

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Minutes

2018 AUGUST						
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	

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AUGUST

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2018-19 School Year \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Three Month \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

WIN A TARGET GIFT

CARD!!!

EVERY READER WHO MEETS THE CHALLENGE  
AND RETURNS THIS FORM WILL BE PLACED IN  
A DRAWING TO WIN A \$25 GIFT CARD FROM  
TARGET!!!!

EVERY PARTICIPANT THAT REACHES THEIR  
GOAL WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL TREAT AT THE  
BEGINNING OF NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!!!