

September 2016



Dear Cypress Families,

We are super excited to continue our reading incentive ... **Paws for Reading!** This reading challenge will begin on Monday, September 12, and will end on Friday, April 7. Our goal is to have every Cypress Cub read for 30 minutes a night at home in addition to the 30 minutes they read independently at school. Both home and school minutes can be logged online. This year, we want to exceed last year's goal and go over 3,000,000 minutes logged online!

Students will log their minutes into www.scholastic.com/minutes A convenient link is located on our school web page. Your teacher will send home your child's username and a temporary password. When you first log in, please change the password to their student number. The security question is "What is your lucky charm?" with the answer, of course "cub". For kindergarten students, parents may input minutes read to Cypress Cubs to read each and every night.

Here are some details for the challenge:

Every time your child logs 2000 minutes online, he/she will receive a colored paw print with his/her name on it. These paw prints will begin a "Cub Paw" track around the school. As students reach the milestones below, they will go on the news to celebrate their accomplishment and receive the following prizes:

- Milestone 1** - White reading paws dog tag for 2,000 minutes read and a media pass to jump to the front of the line
- Milestone 2** - Green reading paws dog tag for 4,000 minutes total read and free book
- Milestone 3** - Yellow reading paws dog tag for 6,000 minutes total read and a special reading prize
- Milestone 4** - Purple reading paw shaped dog tag for 8,000 minutes total read
- Milestone 5** - Red reading paws dog tag for 10,000 total minutes
- Milestone 6** - Blue reading paws dog tag for 12,000 total minutes, plus a T-Shirt
- Milestone 7** - Orange reading paws dog tag for 15,000 total minutes read
- Milestone 8** - Rainbow reading paws dog tag for 25,000 total minutes read, and a special reading prize

Please encourage your child to be a part of this exciting school wide initiative. Everyone benefits from reading!

SPECIAL NOTE: Each classroom teacher may have a different classroom protocol for logging minutes. Students may be asked to complete a weekly reading log, and then log minutes at school as part of the normal classroom routine. Total minutes logged can be a combination of minutes read at school and minutes read at home. Be sure your child logs their minutes accurately and only logging minutes at home when they read at home too.

If you have questions about logging minutes, please ask your child's teacher or email Debbie Burd (dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us).