



Dear Parents or Caregivers:

Did you know that when children read over the summer, they are more likely to leap ahead in their reading skills when they return to school? This is often called the “summer leap” and we’ve made it a priority to keep your child’s skills sharp by encouraging them to read all summer long.

This year, our school will participate in the [Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge](#), a free online reading program that invites students to log their reading minutes over the summer vacation. The goal is for the students in our school to discover the joy and magic of books, and to read the most minutes possible in an effort for our school to earn the title “Best in State.” Our overall goal is 250,000 minutes and if we reach it, our kids will walk the “Read Carpet” celebrity style during the Fall Pep Parade!!!!

Students are encouraged to log their reading minutes online at [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer) throughout the 10-weeks of vacation. By doing so, they will earn digital rewards once they meet their weekly reading goals. In addition, students can learn about great new books to read, access fun videos, book excerpts, pintables and other exclusive content.

You can also find a [Booklists](#) for all ages on the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge website under the Resources tab towards the bottom of the page.

Together with your child’s year-end school report that will be delivered on the last day of school you will find your child’s personal log in information to access their Scholastic account. If you prefer paper format, you can use the [Minute Tracker](#) provided on the website under the Resource tab (please let us know if you need a copy [pta@ps198m.org](mailto:pta@ps198m.org)).

Please help your child record his or her minutes. If you use the paper tracker, please return it to school by Friday, September 27th.

The fun begins on Thursday, June 27th, 2019, and ends on Thursday, September 5th, 2019!

We invite you to learn more about the [Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge](#) at [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer).

Happy Reading!

Mrs. DeBenedictis