Dear Parents,

We are very excited to announce our 2018-2019 school-wide reading incentive. It is very important that your child reads on a regular basis at home and at school. The more he/she reads, the more successful he/she will be in school. Each child will participate in a year-long reading incentive by reading a set number of minutes each month.

Your child will participate in D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) every Monday morning from 8:00-8:30. This will allow them 120 minutes of reading time to add to their reading calendar. Please make sure your child brings some type of reading material to school every Monday. This can be a book, a magazine, a newspaper, etc.

Each month, your child will record the number of minutes read each day in the front of their agenda on the monthly calendar and a parent/guardian will initial it. If your child meets his/her reading goal for that month, he/she will receive a coupon for a free personal pan pizza from the Pizza Hut. The Reading teacher will check each child’s calendar on:

November 1, December 3, January 8, February 1, March 1, and April 1.

In addition to the monthly reward, students will be given the opportunity to earn a long-term reward. Each month, the students are to write a book review for one of the books he/she reads. He/She will rate the book by giving it a certain of number of stars. He/She will summarize the book and tell why he/she liked it or did not like it. Your child’s teacher will have the book review templates available. Book reviews must be completed on a book that is on your child’s reading level. Reading levels will be discussed with the child by his/her teacher. We will feature student book reviews on our readbox display outside the library.

The first incentive will be given in January. Students will have October, November, and December to work towards this incentive. **“Reading is as easy as Pie.”** Your child will earn a trip to the Pie for a pizza lunch. The second incentive will be given in April. Students will have January, February, and March to work towards this incentive. **“Reading is a walk in the park.”** Your child will earn a picnic lunch and free time at Weaver Park.

If your child meets both incentives, he/she will earn the yearly incentive. **“Reading is a day at the beach.”** Your child will earn a beach party with water slides.

If your child does not make the first incentive, he/she can read extra minutes to earn the beach party.

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|  | 3rd Grade (minutes) | 4th Grade (minutes) | 5th Grade (minutes) |
| October | 100 | 150 | 200 |
| November | 200 | 250 | 300 |
| December | 250 | 300 | 350 |
| January | 300 | 350 | 400 |
| February | 350 | 400 | 450 |
| March | 400 | 450 | 500 |
| **TOTAL MINUTES****BY APRIL 1** | **1600** | **1900** | **2200** |

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s reading teacher.