

Read for the World Record!

Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in a fun summer reading project: Scholastic's Summer Challenge, featuring *Read for the World Record!* This year's Summer Challenge unites students from around the globe to read in an attempt to set a new world record for summer reading! The overall record set for 2009 among all schools was **35,846,094** minutes!

The world record attempt begins May 1 and concludes August 31, 2010. We can join in at any point and a number of our students already have! This summer-long literacy campaign is designed to motivate all children to read more so they maintain and improve their academic skills. The total logged reading minutes along with the top 20 schools will be published in the 2011 edition of the *Scholastic Book of World Records!*

Here are a few simple ways to coach your child to become a record-breaking reader:

- Go over the booklist with your child and talk about books they might enjoy.
- Visit the Book Fair with your child.
- Encourage reading throughout the summer, with library visits, story time at home, and conversations about books. Let your child see you reading.
- Visit the *Scholastic Summer Challenge* Web site: www.scholastic.com/summer. It's a kid-friendly, safe online community where students can join a record-setting team, log reading minutes, and enjoy activities geared for all ages.

We hope your family makes reading a big part of your summer fun this year.

Finally, all those who participate and return (On back to school open house day) their signed bookmark (which went home in LAST weeks Wednesday packets) or any paper with your child's logged minutes- will get free gift for participating and also a chance to win some prizes during the first week back to school in the FALL!!

The website to sign up is www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/record

Children 8 and under are recommended to use the easy option and those older can use the full option.

Have a GREAT Summer!!!