

Did you know reading is one of the most important activities in a child's education and is a key indicator of scholastic success?

PARP (Pick a Reading Partner) is a New York State PTA program, which encourages parents/guardians to read with their children for at least 15 minutes per day and reinforces the bond between home and school. This reading program is a collaborative effort amongst parents/guardians, teachers, and the PTA to promote our children to become better readers.

The Hiawatha PTA, in conjunction with the PARP committee, has chosen "Would You, Could You, Read a Book?" as our theme this year. Our goal for this school year is to create a reading program that will have **100% participation** by our student body, while allowing children to discover that reading can be fun and informative. Hiawatha's PARP program will "kick off" on **February 24**th, followed by an assembly on **February 25**th. PARP will run for a few weeks and wrap up on **March 19**th. In addition, each student will receive a book that is provided by our generous PTA to help jumpstart our program.

How to Participate:

- Complete the PARP contract and hand in to your teacher.
- Follow the attached PARP calendar, full of fun activities.
- Read with an adult for <u>at least</u> 15 minutes a day.
- Complete the attached reading logs each week and hand them into your teacher on the due date listed. Reading logs <u>must be handed in on time</u> to earn that week's prize. In the event the child is absent from school, reading logs must be brought in to school on the next attended day.

It's just that simple! Each student that participates by handing in their reading log on time each week will earn a prize. We will track the total minutes read by each grade level and update them on our PARP bulletin board. Upon completion of our PARP program, the two grade levels with the most minutes read, one winner from K-2nd and one winner from 3rd-5th, will earn a special treat during their lunch period!

Any questions, please contact:

> Mrs. Hope - <u>ricochetrascal3@yahoo.com</u> or Mrs. McLaughlin - <u>ellie7575@aol.com</u> Thank you for your participation in PARP! **HAVE FUN and HAPPY READING!** ③

> > Mrs. Stamoolis, Mrs. Marino, Mrs. Fox, Ms. Reese, Mrs. Hope & Mrs. McLaughlin

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PARP Contract Hiawatha Elementary School Pick a Reading Partner														
" <u>Would You, Could You, Read a Book?</u> "														
in class (student) (teacher)														
and (parent/guardian)														
will read together for at least 15 minutes each day, 5 days a week, for 3 weeks between Monday, February 24, 2020														
and Friday, March 13, 2020 Signad:														
Signed:(student) Signed:														
(parent/guardian) Date:														
	Contract is due by Friday, February 14, 2020.	Ø												

Sun	Mon	Tue	Fri	Sat		
9	10	11	12	13	14 <u>PARP</u> <u>Contracts</u> <u>Due</u>	15
16		February 1	17 th - 21 st - N	lo School		22
23	24 <u>PARP</u> BEGINS " <u>I Can Read with</u> <u>My Eyes Shut</u> " Wear a shirt you can read	25 <u>Kick-Off</u> <u>Assembly</u> <u>in Café</u> K-2: 9:15-10:10 3-5: 10:15-11:00 Wear Red, White, and Black in honor of the Cat in the Hat!	26 " <u>Wacky</u> <u>Wednesday</u> " Wear an outfit with wacky patterns	27 " <u>There's a</u> <u>Wocket in my</u> <u>Pocket</u> " Carry a poem in your pocket and share with a friend Electronics Free Thursday	28 " <u>The Lorax</u> " Recycle a book at Book Swap <u>BLT Theme</u> <u>Day</u> : Wear Red	29
1	2 Dr. Seuss' Birthday Dress up as your favorite Dr. Seuss character *Week 1 Reading Log Due*	3 " <u>One Fish, Two</u> <u>Fish, Red Fish,</u> <u>Blue Fish</u> " Wear red and/or blue	4 " <u>My Many</u> <u>Colored Days</u> " Wear your favorite color	5 " <u>Daisy-Head</u> <u>Mayzie</u> " Come to school with a crazy hairdo Electronics Free Thursday	6 " <u>Green Eggs</u> <u>& Ham</u> " Share a recipe with your friend. Then try it out at home. <u>Sports Night</u> Wear your Hiawatha Spirit <i>G</i> ear!	7
8	9 " <u>The Cat in</u> <u>the Hat</u> " Wear a hat to school <u>*Week 2</u> <u>Reading Log</u> <u>Due*</u>	10 " <u>The Grinch</u> <u>Who Stole</u> <u>Christmas</u> " Wear your favorite holiday outfit or wear red/green	11 <u>*Oh, The Places</u> <u>You'll Go"</u> Dress up and show off your future career <u>*Bookmarks</u> <u>Due*</u>	12 " <u>Fox in</u> <u>Socks</u> " Wear a pair of crazy socks Electronics Free Thursday	13 <u>"The Sleep</u> <u>Book"</u> <u>Flashlight</u> <u>Friday</u> Wear pajamas/comfy cozy outfit. Don't forget to bring in a flashlight!	14
15	16 <u>PARP Ends</u> <u>*Week 3</u> <u>Reading Log</u> <u>Due*</u>	17 Final prizes will be handed out during the week	18 Bookmark Winners Pizza Party 12:00-1:00 in MPR	19 Grade Level Winners (treat during lunch)	20	21

Additional PARP Information

Electronics Free Thursday

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We are asking students to take a break from their electronics (television, video games, tablets, etc...) on Thursday nights during PARP. Instead of electronics, play a board game or do a special activity! You may take pictures of activities that you choose to enjoy as a family as an alternative to using electronics. Please submit photos to Mrs. Marino at <u>cmarino@sachem.edu</u>. These photos may be chosen to be featured on Hiawatha Twitter and/or the Hiawatha website.

Book Swap

We are asking students to recycle a book at the PTA's Book Swap on Friday, February 28th. Please bring in a gently used book from home to trade in at the Book Swap during lunch periods.

Flashlight Friday

We will be having our first Flashlight Friday of the school year on Friday, March 13th. Students are asked to bring in a flashlight from home. They will be allowed time during the school day to curl up and read a book of their choice using the flashlights. Students are allowed to wear comfy clothes or pajamas to school that day. *Please make sure that all clothing is appropriate for school*.

" <u>Would You, Could You</u> PTA PARP Pr READING Your child should be reading for Please complete and return **All reading logs must be b	ogram LOG r 15 minutes each night! none slip per week. <mark>nanded in on time.**</mark>													
This week my child and I read for Week of 2/24/20 - 2/28/20 <u>Week 1</u> Return Date: Monday 3/2/20 Parent's Signature														
Students Name														
This week my child and I read for Week of 3/2/20 - 3/6/20 <u>Week 2</u> Return Date: Monday 3/9/20 Parent's Signature	minutes													
Students Name Teacher														
This week my child and I read for Week of 3/9/20-3/13/20 <u>Week 3</u> Return Date: Monday 3/16/20 Parent's Signature	minutes													
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