

***Rome Middle School's 2021-2022
"Rome Reads" Reading Incentive Plan***

Dear Rome Middle School Parents & Guardians,

Rome Middle School's reading incentive program has begun its 2021-2022 "Rome Reads" Reading Challenge for all middle school students. We are looking forward to all students participating in order to develop reading habits that last a lifetime. Just 15-20 minutes a night can help students improve their reading skills and vocabulary.

To encourage student engagement & participation, students have the opportunity to earn incentives for their ongoing reading efforts this year. Each nine weeks, students can reach their nine-week challenge in two ways:

- Students can read & complete *Reading Counts!* quizzes with 80% accuracy to accumulate an ongoing word count.
- Students can read a minimum of 100 independent minutes weekly and log it accordingly.

Students will receive reading logs from their ELA teachers to record their extra reading practice outside of class time; this is a required homework activity for all students, in addition to giving students incentive credit for the "Rome Reads" Reading Challenge. Reading measures will be tabulated for each grade level and displayed on the school thermometers outside the RMS library, and individual reading recognition will be publicized over the course of the year.

GOAL	INCENTIVE	DUE DATE
5/7 Reading Logs or 200,000 words	Ice Cream Party	October 7th
8/9 Reading Logs or 400,000 words	Water Bottle	December 17th
8/9 Reading Logs Or 600,000 words	T- Shirt	March 11th
6/7 Reading Logs Or 800,000 words	Field trip activity	May 13th
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In order to receive the t-shirt, students must have participated in at least one of the previous 9 week challenges.

In order to receive the field trip, students must have participated in at least 2 of the other 9 week challenges.

Reading material will be available through our school library, Sora and MackinVia (our two e-book reading sources), and teachers' classroom libraries. The Sara Hightower public library in downtown Rome is also a fantastic resource. Please contact your child's ELA teacher if you are unable to locate materials needed to participate in this program.

Additionally, students will receive guidance on logging into *Reading Counts!* during their ELA classes. If your child is unsure on how to log into Sora, MackinVia, or *Reading Counts!* platforms, please contact your child's ELA teacher.

To encourage the positive behavior of independent reading, we have added some monthly reading incentives along with our 9-week program. Below are ways that RMS students can "Get Wild About Reading" to earn HERO points and be recognized as an Outstanding Monthly Readers:

- Reading during independent reading time or in break-out groups
- Consistently turning in weekly reading logs
- Consistent participation in taking *Reading Counts!* quizzes
- Outstanding work on weekly reading homework and/or reading projects
- Caught reading when assignments were completed in other subjects
- Caught reading after breakfast or lunch
- Being a reading discussion leader in class

If a student is chosen as an Outstanding Monthly Reader winner at the end of the month, he or she will be announced and receive a free prize. Prizes may include treats from local sponsors, free t-shirts, drawstring bags, books, sports tickets, and more.

Which grade will read the most minutes this year? Can we reach our word challenge by reading a million words each by the end of the school year? Together, with parent & guardian support, we can make this 2021-2022 school year the best year yet for our RMS Rome Readers!

Thank you,

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