



Summer 2016 Reading Challenge

Dear Parents,

ELCA is, once again, sponsoring a summer reading challenge. It is exciting that this reading program has been so well received by students and parents in the past. **Students who do not spend time actively reading over the summer could lose as much as 50% of their reading skills!** We look forward to a great number of our students participating in this year's summer reading challenge. It is an optional program, but one from which students will greatly benefit. Please encourage your child to participate.

Attached you will find a reading log. Use this reading log to record the number of pages read daily, and at the end of the program you will put the total on the front of the sheet. It is important to remember to **record the "grand total of pages read"** on the sheet. The reading log is to be turned in to your child's classroom teacher during the **first week of school**, but no later than Monday, August 10, 2016.

The *Read Around the World* challenge begins Saturday, May 28, and ends Sunday, July 31. The program is offered to students going into 1st through 8th grades. Please read over the attached guideline form, encourage your child to participate, and start recording those pages as your child "Reads Around the World" this summer.

God bless you and have a fun, relaxing, and book-filled summer!

Remember, today's readers will become tomorrow's leaders.

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ELCA Director of Libraries

Read Around the World Summer 2016 Reading Challenge Program Guidelines



- The Summer Reading Challenge is offered to students entering 1st through the 8th grades during the 2016-17 school year. First through third place winners for each grade will be awarded.
- Use the attached "Reading Log" to record date, book's title, the author, and the number of pages read each day.
- Complete the student information portion to record the student's name, grade, teacher, and total number of pages read. Parents must sign this form.
- Forms should be turned in to the classroom teacher during the first full week of school, August 1-5, but no later than Monday, August 8.
- Additional reading logs for the program are available. It may be duplicated or blank notebook paper can be used to record the pages read. Please do not "estimate" the number of pages read. The number each day needs to be accurate.
- For younger students, pages "read to" the student may be counted.
- Certificates will be presented to all participants.



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Student's Name _____

2016-17 Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

GRAND TOTAL OF PAGES READ:

_____ pages

Parent's Signature
