Dates: Friday, Feb. 20 @ 12:01AM - Sunday, March 8, 2026 @ 11:59PM

Grades: K - 7

Theme: 2026 SFDS Olympics: *Go for Gold!*

School Reading Goal: 137,500 minutes read
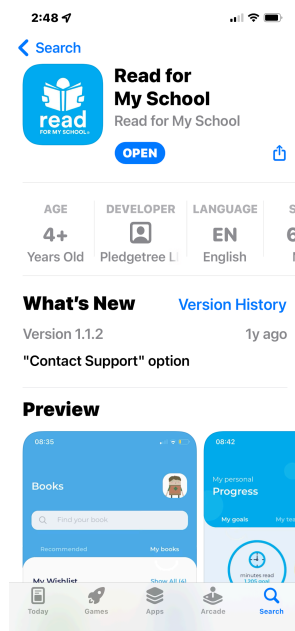
School Fundraising Goal: $16,500

Participation: 100%

How to sign up: Online or App: *Read-for-my-school*

Click on this link to sign up…
https://app.readformyschool.com/welcome
Use the code: 50476

Or download the Read for My School app on your phone and **use the code 50476.**

This year's Read-a-thon has even more excitement! What prizes are available?

Daily Prizes:
- As long as students participate in fundraising or reading in any amount, they will be eligible for a small daily prize including tasty treats and fun gadgets.
- Two students per class per day will win.

Podium Prizes:
- Every Wednesday we will be announcing the Top 3 Winners per class
- How your child be in the top 3
    - We will calculate both minutes and fundraising to earn your spot at the podium
        - Prizes: Gift cards, bigger prizes and 1st place receives a medal!

Overall prizes:
- Top fundraising class wins a pizza party and treats!
- Overall Top 3 fundraising students will find their way to the podium at the closing ceremony. **On top of their prize, each student wins an unlimited ride pass at this year's Spring Fair!**

Grade 7 team prize:
- As a way to recognize our busy Grade 7's, who have participated in several Read-a-thons, and to fire up their team competitiveness… The class will be divided into teams. The team that reads the most, will receive a special reward!

FAQ's - PLATFORM and LOGGING MINUTES

How do I sign up more than one child?
Go to settings, "Create a reader profile". Any questions go to
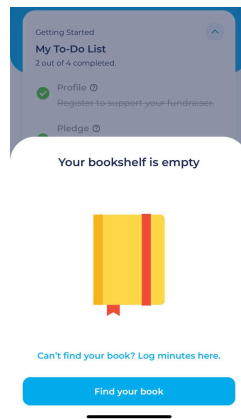https://intercom.help/rfms/en/articles/4505748-creating-and-managing-reader-profiles-on-read-for-my-school

When can I start logging minutes read?
Parents may start logging minutes at 12:01 am on Friday, February 20 through to 11:59PM on Sunday, March 8th. All reading minutes completed between these dates and times will be counted towards the students' reading minute totals. The platform does not prevent users from logging minutes prior to the effective start date and time of the Readathon; however, those minutes will **NOT** be counted towards student totals and will be **DELETED** before the event starts.

How do I log minutes?
To log reading minutes, click the blue button and select "read". You can scan the book and then proceed to log minutes, or just select "Can't find your book? Log minutes here."

During Read-a-thon, when do I log minutes read?

Minutes must be logged by parents, <mark>by 10pm each night</mark> to be included in daily standings reports and to be eligible for daily participation prizes.

Will minutes read during class time count?

NO they will not count. We are hoping to encourage our kids to develop an intrinsic love of reading, not just something they have to do while they are in school. There were also a number of complaints in previous years from parents who felt some classes had gotten more of a chance to read than others, or that other students who are able to do classwork faster, got extra time to read than others. We are trying to keep things as fair as possible.

But there are a couple of ways to get some reading time during school, take a look at the next question and the answer.

Are there special ways to log extra minutes?

Yes there are!

- Older kids reading to younger siblings - *each child* gets to log those minutes.
- Read with a buddy! Read the same book as your friend (can also be a different book in the SAME series), snap photos as proof (one time) and send it to your class coordinator and you can log an extra 15 minutes to your daily reading total. Parents of younger kids, try messaging your class group, suggest a book and see how many other parents can read the same book that night and tell the kids to talk about it the next morning!
- The library and / or music room will be open several days during the Read-a-thon, keep an eye out for which days. We will also have volunteers there to read to the little ones. Those minutes will then be communicated to you by librarian Mrs. Hara or by your class' Read-a-thon coordinator for you to add for your child on the *Read For My School* platform.
- Buddies will be getting together at least once during Read-a-thon to do some fun reading, those minutes will also be communicated to you and will be equal amongst all grades.

How can we help keep things fair?
Students are encouraged to commit time in their day focused on achieving their Readathon goals. The sky's the limit! Students should be keeping track of their reading times and report these to their parents for logging in the platform.

Talk to them about how much they have been reading, what their goals are for the Read-a-thon and help them keep in mind the virtues of justice (acting fairly and giving others what they deserve) and prudence (making good decisions, or right judgments, in a given situation). Also, BE CHEERFUL about this opportunity!

Are there prizes for most books read?
This year, the school will NOT be awarding prizes for most books. Since book lengths can obviously vary greatly, and this category has caused confusion and complaints in the past, we won't be tracking it.

The app does track books and awards fun digital badges for numbers of books read that the little ones, especially, might enjoy.
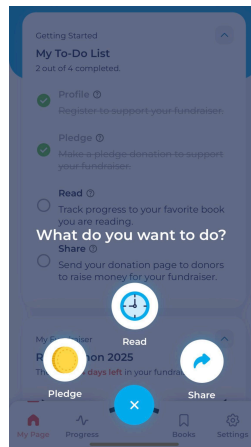

DONATIONS

When can I start donating and encouraging friends and family to donate?
The donations function on the app and website through credit cards is open right away.

How do I share my child's information with friends and family?
On each of your children's pages in the website and app (click on the avatar to alternate between the accounts you have created for each child) click the blue button at the bottom and select "share". It will give you different ways to send out the link.

Are donations tax deductible?
Donations over $20 are tax deductible. The Read for My School platform does not collect addresses which are required for tax receipts. So we are asking donors to include the following information in the section called "your message" on the donation page:
-   full **LEGAL** name (as it appears on your tax documents)
-   COMPLETE mailing address (including city and postal code)

This information will **NOT** be publicly visible. Please pass this message on to family and friends who will be donating.
Also be sure they include their email address in case we need to contact them for more information.

The platform will send out a receipt immediately. SFdS will send out the official *tax* receipt later.

What is this question on the donation page about service fees?
A new feature on the Read for my School platform allows donors to choose to cover the fee taken by the platform and the credit card companies for processing. This allows 100% of their donation to go to the school. This is NOT required and donors can absolutely say no.

Will cash donations be accepted?
Yes. Pledge forms will be going home with students the week of February 17th. <mark>Forms and cash will be due back to the school by **March 9**</mark>.

Any other questions reach out to your Read-a-thon class coordinator! Let's have some fun and Go (read) for Gold!