

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

STUDENT NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____

TOTAL MINUTES: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

NHUF Reading Challenge 2016-2017




Goal: 2,591,200 Minutes

We have an exciting reading challenge for our students this year! The importance of reading can never be overstated. Therefore, we are challenging our students to read outside of school (or be read to for our younger students) for twenty minutes a day, five days a week until May 15th. Whether it is during the weekday or on the weekend, all of those minutes count! If the students are meeting this challenge, it will be 3280 minutes during the year they are reading. If every student does this, collectively they will have read 2,591,200 minutes!!!!!!

As an incentive, if we meet our challenge, every student will have an opportunity to throw a water balloon at Mr. Rohn during recess towards the end of May. Kindergarten will have a special recess so they can participate. Classrooms in each grade level will also be competing against each other. The teacher in each grade level whose classroom has the highest total minutes per student will also be able to throw a water balloon at Mr. Rohn.

Using the calendar, please write the total number of minutes read each day. At the end of the month, please write the total number of minutes read for the month and turn it in to your child's teacher.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year
1,800,000 words	282,000 words	8,000 words
		
<i>90th percentile</i>	<i>50th percentile</i>	<i>10th percentile</i>

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)