



Reading Rally Guide 2023

The Reading Rally is a longstanding Providence reading tradition and the single largest fundraiser for our scholarship fund, which provides tuition assistance so that more like-minded families may be part of the Providence community.

SCHEDULE

- Pledges may be collected now through February 5. Please submit all donations by February 17.
- Reading begins at 6:30 a.m. on January 12, and ends at 10:00 p.m. on February 5.
- Send you, the parent, a check addressed to Providence Christian School (Memo line: Reading Rally—student name)
- Parents will place all checks in the envelope received at end of Reading Rally and return the envelope to the School by February 17.

THEME

Our 2023 theme is *Creatures of Courage*—books in which animals demonstrate courage in the face of adversity. *Watership Down* by Richard Adams, *The Green Ember* series by S.D. Smith, and *White Fang* by Jack London are examples.

PARTICIPATION

- Reading Rally is **required** for all students in Classes 1-6, and strongly encouraged for Classes 7 and 8.

3 STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Seek sponsorships.

- The heart of this fundraising effort is student participation in both reading and soliciting sponsorships. Contact friends, family, and businesses for sponsorships. Personal phone calls, texts, or letters are appropriate. A sample donor letter is available on the Providence app and the Parent Portal (see QR code below).
- Fundraising timeline: January 6 through February 5.
- Donors can either contribute a lump sum or pledge based on the number of minutes your child reads.
- Pledges are tracked in the Reading Rally Log that is submitted each Sunday by 10:00 p.m.
- To contribute, donors may either:
 1. Give at PCSTX.org/Give (see QR code below). Online giving tips: select “Fund,” drop down to Reading Rally, Select Student(s) Sponsored; insert student name.

2. Set a goal for the number of minutes your child will read.

- Incentives and recognition will be given to students individually and to classes that read the most each week and overall throughout the Reading Rally (see Incentives section below for details).
- While goal-setting is important, the heart and purpose behind the Reading Rally is to enjoy and learn from great books while giving back to the School.

3. Start reading and logging your minutes.

- Begin counting Rally minutes at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 12 through 10:00 p.m. Sunday, February 5.

Classes 1-6:

- Record minutes read and pledges secured for each student using the Reading Rally Log. (See the Parent Portal using QR code below).
- Email your Reading Rally Log each Sunday by 10:00 p.m. to RRLogs@pcstx.org. Do not email it to your child's teacher or turn in a hard copy.

Classes 7-8:

- Report minutes on paper reading logs during English class on Mondays. Do not submit online reading logs.
- Turn in a pledge log with any new pledges each week by emailing rrlogs@pcstx.org or submitting a hard copy to your English teacher.

Record of Books Read

Students will receive a *Record of Books Read* chart in their folder. Students should keep the chart in their folders so teachers may ensure book quality.



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READING RALLY RULES

	CLASS 1	CLASSES 2-6	CLASSES 7-8
TYPES OF READING	<p>Oral reading by students, including daily Bible reading or assigned homework reading (silent reading only with prior teacher approval)</p> <p>A parent's, another adult's, or an older sibling's reading to students, including daily assigned Bible reading</p>	<p>Oral and silent reading by students, including daily Bible reading or assigned homework reading</p> <p>A parent's, another adult's, or an older sibling's reading to students, including daily assigned Bible reading</p>	<p>Oral and silent reading by students</p> <p>Adult reading aloud</p> <p>Assigned non-math or non-Latin reading</p>
BIBLE READING	<p>ESV, NIV, or equivalent translation</p> <p><i>The Children's Story Bible</i> by Catherine Vos (no other paraphrases)</p>	<p>ESV, NIV, or equivalent translation</p>	
BOOKS THAT QUALIFY	<p>Approved Literature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books from the Providence Recommended Reading List including the "35 Great Books List" by grade (pcstx.org/community/reading-lists) Books purchased at the Providence Book Fair Library books or other age-appropriate books approved by the Librarian <p>Approved Book Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books with a spine (no e-books, tablets, e-readers, or magazine articles) Limited Audio Books <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Classes 1-4: limit of 2 books/week Classes 5-8: limit of 4 books total 		
ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading on Providence grounds during school hours (in class, on playground, at lunch, or in carpool line) does not qualify. You may log minutes read during the day if your child is sick at home. Discussion regarding Reading Rally should be directed toward books read, not comparing minutes read. 		



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BONUS MINUTES: CLASSES 1-6

KICKOFF BONUS

- Record your child's kickoff bonus minutes in the Week 1 Reading Rally Log. You will receive an email notification of any kickoff bonus minutes earned.

DOUBLED MINUTES

Classes 1-6 students:

Eligible for a maximum of 120 doubled minutes per week:

- Includes Dad* Minutes and/or Bible Minutes.
- Log Dad and Bible Minutes on the Reading Rally Log. It will automatically calculate and record bonus minutes.
- If a father reads the Bible to his children, these minutes may only be doubled once and logged either under Dad or Bible Minutes.
 - Example: Dad reads 60 minutes during week = doubled to 120.
 - Example: Any adult reads 60 Bible Minutes = doubled to 120.
 - Example: Dad reads 60 Bible Minutes during the week = doubled only once to 120.
- Any minutes above the max doubled 120 minutes will still count, though not doubled.

**For Double-Dad Minutes, the reading must be done by the child's father. If family circumstances warrant an exception, please ask for approval from your child's homeroom teacher. Reading by any other adult should be recorded as "adult-to-student" minutes.*

Classes Seven and Eight: No double minutes

CHOICE BOOKS

- Each student may receive up to an additional 200 Bonus Minutes by reading one or both of the following:
 - Grade-Level Choice Books-100 bonus minutes: Any book from the "35 Great Books List" by grade (pcstx.org/community/reading-lists).
 - Family Read-Aloud Books displaying the 2023 Reading Rally theme-100 bonus minutes:
 - Watership Down* by Richard Adams
 - Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame
 - White Fang* by Jack London
 - The Green Ember* series by S.D. Smith
 - Little Pilgrim's Progress* by Helen Taylor (the new edition illustrated by J. Sutphin features animal characters).
 - Any Lamplighter Book (Examples: *Probable Sons*, *The Hedge of Thorns*, *The Golden Thread*, *Buried in the Snow*, and more). Many available in the Providence Library, and a full list can be found at Lamplighter.net.

How to log Choice Books:

- On the Reading Summary tab of the Reading Rally Log, enter "yes" when asked whether your child completed one or both categories of Choice Books. The spreadsheet will automatically add 100 bonus minutes for each "yes" entered.

CALENDAR

January 6: Begin gathering pledges

WEEK 1:

January 9: Rookie Mom Meeting for Class 1 and new moms (all moms welcome!):

- 8:30 a.m. in-person in Small Chapel and via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Zoom meeting only

January 12:

- Rally begins at 6:30 a.m. Start logging minutes!
- Reading Rally Kick-Off Assembly at Providence

January 15: Email Week 1 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

WEEK 2:

January 16: MLK Holiday-no school

January 17: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts/Week 1 individual and class winners announced and incentives distributed

January 22: Email Week 2 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

WEEK 3:

January 23: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts

January 24: Week 2 individual/class winners announced and incentives distributed

January 29: Email Week 3 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

WEEK 4:

January 30: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts.

January 31: Week 3 individual/class winners announced and incentives distributed

February 5: Email Week 4 Reading Rally Log by 10:00 p.m.*

PLEDGE COLLECTION AND CELEBRATION:

February 2: Joe Sutphin, illustrator of the new edition of *Little Pilgrims Progress*, will visit Providence. Details to come in Monday Memo.

February 6: Wear Reading Rally T-shirts

February 7: Week 4 individual/class winners announced and incentives distributed

February 10:

- Overall individual winners per grade level announced at Chapel
- Pledge envelopes sent home with youngest child in family if there are any outstanding pledges

February 16: Pizza Parties for overall class winners

February 17: Deadline to turn in pledged collection checks (in provided envelopes) and complete online gifts

** Please read the Welcome Page of the Reading Rally Log and note that it contains a printable tool to aid students in tracking weekly minutes by hand before minutes are logged in the Excel/Numbers Reading Rally Log each Sunday.*

Incentives by Grade Level

ALL STUDENTS IN CLASSES 1-8

- Students with at least \$150 in sponsorship earn a free Reading Rally T-shirt to be worn on designated school days. For students who would like to wear a T-shirt but do not solicit \$150 in sponsorship, \$10 will be assessed and added to his or her list of pledges to collect.
- Students turning in pledges by Friday, February 17, will receive:
Classes 1-4: one “all homework” pass
Classes 5-8: 10 quiz points to spend in any one class.

CLASSES 1-6

WEEKLY

Individual:

Classes 1-6 students will earn a weekly homework pass and a prize for reading at least:

Class 1	Classes 2-3	Classes 4-5	Class 6
180 student-read oral minutes	280 student-read oral or silent minutes	300 student-read oral or silent minutes	200 student-read oral or silent minutes

Class:

Each week, the section in each grade with the highest average number of minutes read and the section in each grade with the highest average amount of pledges will earn a trip to the snack bar.

OVERALL

Individual:

The top individual overall reader and the top fundraiser in each grade will be recognized in Chapel on February 10.

Individual overall reading incentives: Students who achieve the following cumulative minutes read throughout the Rally will receive a Medal. Students in Classes 5-6 will also earn five test points.*

	Class 1	Classes 2-4	Classes 5-6
GOLD	2,600+	3,500+	2,600+
SILVER	2,200-2,599	2,600-3,499	2,200-2,599
BRONZE	1,800-2,199	2,200-2,599	1,800-2,199

* Classes 5-6: To use the 5 test point coupon, student will get teacher approval, staple coupon to test, and return to teacher.

Class:

The section in each grade with the highest average number of minutes read, and the section in each grade with the highest average amount of pledges will earn a pizza party for all the students in that section.

CLASSES 7-8

WEEKLY

Individual: a homework pass awarded for reading at least 200 minutes and reporting on time.

OVERALL

- Top Reader and Fundraiser from each class earn early release from school, lunch, and a fun outing with two Providence teachers.

Individual:

- Students collecting and turning in all collected pledges by Friday, February 17, earn 10 quiz points to spend in any one class.
- Students who read 800 minutes and raise at least \$150 will earn five test points. To use the five test point coupon, student will get teacher approval, staple coupon to approved test, and return to teacher.

Collective:

- If Classes 7-8 collectively raise at least \$10,050 and read at least 53,600 minutes, they will win a casual dress day and a picnic.

HOW ARE INCENTIVES CALCULATED?

All reading incentives are calculated based on minutes and pledges turned in on-time each Sunday by 10:00 p.m. through the Reading Rally Log (for Classes 1-6) to RRlogs@pcstx.org or (Classes 7-8) submitted during English Class the first day of the school week. If a Class 7 or 8 student is absent, email minutes to English teacher and RRlogs@pcstx.org by noon.

QUESTIONS?

Send questions to: readingrallychairs@gmail.com

Email Reading Rally Logs to: RRlogs@pcstx.org