



Walker-Grant Middle School

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Dear Families,

Walker-Grant Middle School is happy to be participating in Reading Makes Cents, a statewide reading program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade focusing on personal finance concepts.

Through this year's selection of books, students will learn financial concepts such as the value of working to earn money, the importance of saving, the idea of prioritizing wants, and being good decision-makers. These are valuable life lessons that will benefit students as they grow up.

To participate: Encourage your child to read (or listen to, or watch a video!) 5 books as explained on the attached Reading Challenge form.

Every child who submits a completed Reading Challenge form, certified by a parent or guardian, is entered into a drawing to win one of 14 Invest529 college savings accounts from Virginia529 with an **initial balance of \$529**, to grow year over year. (Entries are due May 3, 2024.)

As you know, education after high school is more important than ever before, whether it's a degree from a 2 or 4-year college, an industry certification, or some other credential. As sponsors of the program, Virginia529 and the Virginia Council on Economic Education aim to help families start saving early for higher education expenses. Setting this expectation has been proven key to pursuing higher education.

Your signature on the Reading Challenge form is needed for Virginia529 to contact you if your child is a \$529 savings account winner. Also, you may be provided additional information on saving for higher education, but can opt out at any time. Your information will not be sold or used for any other purpose. We're thrilled to participate in this exciting program and pleased to offer your child the opportunity to learn alongside us. I personally can't wait to see your student involved, engaged and, most of all, reading!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Full information and details are available at ReadingMakesCents.com.

Sincerely,

Emily Moore

Librarian

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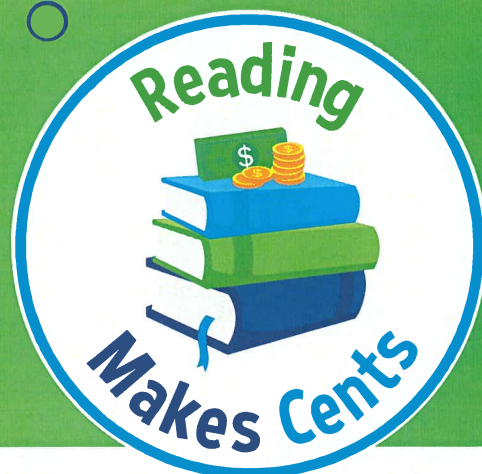


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2023 - 2024

MIDDLE SCHOOL

READING CHALLENGE



A Storm Called Katrina
Myron Uhlberg

Al Capone Does My Shirts
Ginnifer Choldenko

Bea and the New Deal Horse
L.M. Elliot

Billy Sure, Kid Entrepreneur
Ross Graham

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Roald Dahl

Chirp
Kate Messner

Cleo Edison Oliver: Playground Millionaire
Sundee Frasier

Crenshaw
Katherine Applegate

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days
Jeff Kinney

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
Jeff Kinney

Esperanza Rising
Pam Muñoz Ryan

Finally Seen
Kelly Yang

Font Desk
Kelly Yang

Full of Beans
Jennifer L. Holm

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race
Margot Lee Shetterly

How to Steal a Dog
Barbara O'Connor

Iceberg
Jennifer Nielsen

J.D. and the Great Barber Battle
J.D. Dillard

Kizzy Ann Stamps
Jeri Watts

Lunch Money
Andrew Clements

Merci Suarez Changes Gears
Meg Medina

Millionaires for the Month
Stacy McAnulty

Ninth Ward
Jewell Parker Rhodes

Pictures at the Protest (The Virginia Mysteries Book 9)
Steven K. Smith

Serafina's Promise
Ann E. Burg

Shelter
Christie Mateson

Stef Soto: Taco Queen
Jennifer Torres

Survival Strategies of the Almost Brave
Jen White

The Big Dark
Rodman Philbrick

The Lemonade War
Jacqueline Davies

The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver
Gene Barretta

Thirst
Varsha Bajaj

Three Keys
Kelly Yang

Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre
Carole Boston Weatherford

Watchdog
Will McIntosh

Wednesday Wilson Gets Down to Business
Bree Galbraith

Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions
Chris Barton

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VCEE is a nonprofit organization providing Virginia's K-12 teachers with professional development, quality curriculum and other resources to promote economic and financial education.

Return completed form to Mrs. Moore in the library

Students in grade 6 through 8:

Fill in the sections below as you complete the Reading Challenge.

PLEASE PRINT

I read, or had read to me, the following books:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

My favorite book was _____
because _____

Student Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

School Division:

School: Grade: _____

Zip Code: _____

Title I School: Yes No

Parent/Guardian Information (please print legibly)

I, _____, certify that the child above has completed the Reading Makes Cents Reading Challenge by reading five books, with at least four from the approved list.

Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____