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Media Release

Reading Around the Bases Reaches Year 10

Charleston, SC (January 15, 2026) - The Charleston County School District (CCSD) literacy initiative, "Reading Around the Bases," which partners with the Charleston RiverDogs, is now in its tenth year. Starting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, second graders from 23 schools in the district will participate in the annual 10-week baseball-themed incentive program. Every student receives a Reading Challenge packet that includes a scorecard, tracking sheet, and a personal baseball card.

The 2026 kickoff event for "Reading Around the Bases" will be at **8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026**, at **Murray-LaSaine Montessori School**. Media outlets are welcome and encouraged to attend.

During the 10-week program, students read for a certain number of minutes to advance around the bases: 100 minutes for a single, 200 minutes for a double, 300 minutes for a triple, and 500 minutes for a home run. Additionally, special guests from the RiverDogs will visit each participating school in person to read to students.

"We are so thankful for this lasting partnership with the RiverDogs," said CCSD Superintendent of Schools Anita Huggins. "This initiative creates fun and excitement for our second graders throughout the district, and serves as a shining example of what we can achieve when community organizations and businesses commit to serving children with a purpose."

The top 25 second graders from each participating school will be honored at a RiverDogs home game on May 17 during the 2026 season. In addition, the top 10 overall readers from the district will participate in a VIP experience at Riley Park on the day of the contest.

"The 'Reading Around the Bases' program has been a long-lasting partnership that the RiverDogs value, especially this year with it being the 10th anniversary," said RiverDogs President and General Manager Dave Echols. "We're excited to keep fostering a love for reading across CCSD."

For more information on "Reading Around the Bases," please contact the district's Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303 or the RiverDogs' Community Relations Manager, Kylee Maurer, at (843) 965-4143.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 51,000 students in 90 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.

