



WORLD CHANGERS READ

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Sternberger Elementary's Schoolwide Reading Program 2026-2027

Program Date: September 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027

Student Goal: For each student to read (or be read to) for pleasure daily: **AT LEAST 20 minutes for K-2 (400 monthly minutes) or 30 minutes for 3-5 (600 monthly minutes) for at least 20 days out of each month.**

School Goals: **To encourage students to read for enjoyment outside the regular school day.** For all students to meet or exceed their monthly student goal.

How Does It Work? Requirements for Grades K-5:

- Students in grades K-5 will read (or be read to) **for pleasure** for at least **20 minutes (K-2) or 30 minutes (3-5)** daily for at least 20 days out of each month, including months with winter or spring breaks.
- Ideally, pleasure reading would happen each day and outside the regular school day. However, if a student has time for pleasure reading (non-instructional) during the school day, that time could certainly be recorded. Students may also read (or be read to) more minutes some days and fewer minutes on other days to achieve their monthly goal.
- The student (or parent/caregiver) accurately logs the student's minutes and the titles of materials read in **Beanstack** online.
- **Minutes must be accurately logged online in Beanstack by each monthly deadline** to count for that month and to be eligible to earn any student incentives. Corrections cannot be made after these deadlines. The deadline is the 5th of the following month; for example, September's deadline for having minutes recorded in Beanstack is October 5th. *(Make sure minutes are recorded for the correct month, though! Beanstack allows you to backdate.)* Deadline reminders will be posted on ClassDojo.

Student Incentives: We've made a change this year!

INDIVIDUALS: Monthly drawings for free books will be held! K-5 students who meet their monthly **student goal** (see top, front) and accurately record their minutes in Beanstack by the deadline will be entered in the monthly drawing.

- Twenty books will be given away each month (October-May, after each monthly deadline).
- The student names drawn will be announced on the intercom.
- The monthly drawings will replace the twice-a-year book giveaways for students who met all their monthly goals.
- There may be random drawings during the school year for other reading incentives. Students who met their student goal during that specific month and recorded their minutes accurately online by the deadline are eligible for the drawing.

We have a few years of experience with Beanstack, but please contact your child's teacher or me if we can help! We value the partnership we have with families to develop lifelong readers and learners.

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