

Welcome to the 2018 Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge!

Dear Parents

Did you know that when kids read over the summer they are more likely to leap ahead when they return to school? This is often called the “summer leap,” and we’ve made it a priority to keep your child’s skills sharp by encouraging them to read all summer long.

This year, our school signed up to participate in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge, a free online reading program that invites students to log their reading minutes all summer. These minutes can be minutes that the students are “read to.” The goal is for the students in our school to discover the joy and magic of reading, and read the most minutes possible. The attached log sheet is to help the students keep track of their minutes read, **but it does not need to be turned in.**

I’m excited to share that the theme of this year’s program is ***A Magical Summer of Reading!*** As students log their reading minutes throughout the 18 weeks of summer, they will earn digital rewards as they meet their weekly reading goals. Plus, throughout the summer, students can learn about great new books to read, access fun videos and printables, and more. You’ll also find summer booklists for all ages (in English and Spanish) on the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge website.

For students entering first and second grade, **participation is optional.** The student that reads the most minutes in **each grade level** will win a \$15 gift card to our first school Book Fair! Every child has been registered for the program and their user names and passwords are attached. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THEIR PASSWORDS. The fun began on Monday, May 7, 2018, and ends on Friday, September 7, 2018! I invite you to learn more about the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge at scholastic.com/summer.

Have a wonderful summer!

If your child forgot his or her summer reading username, please contact me directly at stbernelmlibrary@htdiocese.org or if you have any questions or problems concerning the program.

Mrs. Dale Ford, Librarian