

Lincoln School K-4 Family Read-a-thon

Proceeds to benefit School On Wheels of Massachusetts.

Dear Families,

In recognition of November's National Literacy Month the Lincoln School will hold a Family Read-a-thon! The Read-a-thon will be held in the **Smith School Gym from 6:30-8:00pm on Wednesday, December 3rd**. Families are invited to come and have a shared reading experience with students. Bring a blanket and pillows to get cozy and read picnic style. Cocoa and cookies will be served.

It is during the month of *November* that students will be training for the Read-a-thon. Each will spend time soliciting pledges toward minutes read at the Read-a-thon. You will find attached a student script that tells about School On Wheels of Massachusetts, as well as a pledge form. Students will also practice reading for fluency and comprehension everyday at school and at home, by reading and/or being read to. This will have them in tip top reading shape for the Read-a-thon!

At the Read-a-thon each student will be given a Reading Record Form on which to keep track of the number of minutes the family has read. In this way we will be able to track how many minutes the school as a whole reads (an interesting math extension)!

For families who are unable to be at the school on the evening of December 3rd, we hope you will participate in the Read-a-thon from the comfort of your home. We will provide a Reading Record form that can be returned the following day. We do hope, however, that you will join us for this community building activity. Part of our goal is to bring *all* students and families together!

We hope to have pledges collected by December 11th. Given the financial crisis our state is facing, there are an estimated fifty thousand homeless students in our public schools. School on Wheels of Massachusetts is a non-profit organization that provides supplies, homework support and tutoring for homeless students at a number of shelters around the state. You can read more about School on Wheels of Massachusetts at www.schoolonwheelsofmass.org.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the First Annual Lincoln School K-4 Read-a-thon!

