

**The Neighborhood School
Summer Read-a-Thon**

Our annual Summer Read-a-thon is a fun and easy way for students to feel good about themselves, maintain the learning and literacy they've achieved during the school year, AND help raise money for our school. It's one of our most successful fundraisers! Every year since 2001, our students have raised anywhere from \$2,800 to over \$7,500. We hope you will choose to help make it another amazing year.

What to do:

Fill out a Registration Form and hand it in!

Each student who is interested in participating **fills out a registration form** and drops it off with the teacher or in the envelope outside their classroom. It is important that you do this first step, so we can get an estimate of how many students we should plan to give a prize to!

Gather pledges during the summer, and read, read, read!

At the beginning of summer vacation, students should send or give the pledge sheet to family and friends. They should keep track of both the books they read themselves and the books what were read to them. Yes, include bedtime stories! Students of all ages can participate. Pledges can be made on a per book basis, or as a lump sum.

During the summer, use the reading log to write down the titles of the books the kids have read. Parents, please help your child write the titles if necessary. If you loose your reading log, or need extra pages, feel free to use any type of paper to write down the titles. Visit your local library for more fun books. (The New York Public Library has its own summer reading program, and you can participate in both TNS's and the NYPL's program, counting the same books for each!)

In September, bring in your pledge money and reading logs!

At the end of the summer vacation, please collect the pledge money from family and friends to bring in to school in September. Pledges may be paid in cash or check, made out to **The Neighborhood School P.T.A.** We'll also set up a Paypal page, TBA.

In September, look for an announcement about when to bring in the reading log and money your child has collected. Each participant will receive a special gift from the PTA.

Thanks for supporting literacy and our school!