



Frequently Asked Questions 2026

Why have a Read-a-thon? To encourage our kids to read and to raise important funds for our school! The Read-a-thon funds programming and resources to enhance the classroom and school experience. The read-a-thon money funds the majority of PTO programming throughout the year including our cultural arts budget, our Fall Festival and Spring Fling events, the 5th grade kindness retreat, engaging speakers, STEM and environmental awareness learning modules and many other programs. Without the Read-a-thon, we would not be able to fund these extras for Groveland!

When is the Read-a-thon? Thursday, October 1, 2026 through Saturday, October 31, 2026. Kids can log minutes they read outside of school starting on October 1 and ending on October 31.

When do I need to have my minutes logged? You do not need to log minutes every day – but you should log them online every week by Sunday night at 8pm. The prizes each week are based on the previous week's reading minutes. **All minutes must be logged and donations must be received by Tuesday, November 3rd at 10am** to be included in counts for both individual and classroom prizes. All donations must also be paid through Pledgestar via Paypal or credit card. Checks will not be accepted. NO PAPER READING LOGS will be accepted– parents/guardians must log student minutes directly into Pledgestar online!

All Read-a-thon information can be found at:

<https://www.grovelandreadathon.com>

What counts for reading minutes?

- Minutes read **OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS**.
- Minutes read aloud by a parent, sibling or friend to a student.
- Minutes spent listening to audio books, if the student is also following along and looking at the words in a book/on a device.
- All minutes must be logged into Pledgestar by Tuesday, November 3 at 10am to be counted.

How does my child earn prizes?

Children can earn prizes at the end of the Read-a-thon based on minutes read and/or donations collected. See the “Prizes” tab on the Read-a-thon website. **Prize levels are cumulative, so if a student attains a Level 4 prize, they also receive the Level 1, 2 and 3 prizes.**

Sunday, October 4 by 8pm: All students who have logged at least 20 reading minutes in Pledgestar will receive a free bookmark.

Sunday, October 11 by 8pm: All students who have logged at least 200 minutes in Pledgestar will be entered in a raffle for one of two \$50 Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Sunday, October 18 by 8pm: All students who have logged at least 300 minutes in Pledgestar will be entered in a raffle for one of two \$50 Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Sunday, October 25 by 8pm: All students who have logged at least 400 minutes in Pledgestar will be entered in a raffle for one of two \$50 Barnes & Noble gift cards.

****Note that there will be no paper raffle tickets. Only minutes that have been logged on Pledgestar will count toward the raffle drawings - so keep your Pledgestar account up to date! Raffle winners will be announced each Monday morning during announcements and prizes will be sent home with students (with an email alert sent to parents to watch for the prize in the backpack).**

Do I have to collect donations to participate?

No! Your child should read and log minutes on Pledgestar even if you do not contribute financially to this year’s Read-a-thon. See the “Prizes” tab on the Read-a-thon website for prizes your child can win based solely on minutes read!

Don’t forget that classes can also receive prizes based on collective minutes read - and, if Groveland collectively reads 800,000 minutes, there will be a school-wide pajama day on Tuesday, November 24!