

VIKING READING CHALLENGE

Dear Parents,

The staff at North Dearborn Elementary School is excited to announce a new school-wide reading incentive program, The Viking Reading Challenge. This program is organized around a baseball theme and promotes both individual and group achievement. Here is how it works:

- Every class is a team and every student is a player on the team.
- Each team has a poster or bulletin board in their classroom that looks like a baseball diamond, with a player for each student.
- To advance to the next base, a player must complete a reading log. Students will get the reading logs from their teachers or parents can print them from the school website: <http://ndes.sunmandearborn.k12.in.us/>
- The requirements for the reading logs increase each base. Students will need to read for 1 hour to get to first, 2 hours to get to second, 3 hours for third, and 4 hours plus a writing assignments for a home run. The time does not accumulate from the previous base. The writing assignment can be any type of book review. It can be digital or handwritten. The reading logs require a parent signature and a home run requires a parent and teacher signature. There is no limit to how many runs a student or class can score. (*Requirements may vary based on grade level. Contact teacher with questions.)
- Any type of reading can count. Students can count reading homework, classroom reading logs, AR, Book It, etc. for this reading challenge too. Students can also log time if someone else reads to them.
- Students will be awarded a Viking Voucher from their homeroom teacher for each complete reading log. Students will earn a free book for each home run. Books will be distributed by the office staff and students' names will be read on the announcements.
- To earn a homerun students must complete the reading logs for each base as well as one book review writing assignment. Positive book reviews will be read on the announcements so other students can read it if interested. The book review can be any product such as a commercial, handwritten review, Google Slides presentation, etc. The book can be from any reading log for that run. The book review must include a rating based on a 5-star scale with 5 being the best and 1 being the worst. The review must explain why the book received that rating.
- Players help their team score runs by moving their pieces around the bases until they get a homerun. The class in each grade level with the most runs on the last school day in April will earn a baseball party and play a game of wiffle ball against the NDES staff in May.
- The Viking Reading Challenge will begin January 5th and end the last school day in April.

Thank you for encouraging your child to be a reader. Let's Swing for the Fences!

Yours in Education,
NDES Staff

FIRST BASE READING LOG

TITLE	AUTHOR	TIME
TOTAL TIME		60 MINUTES

PARENT SIGNATURE

SECOND BASE READING LOG

TITLE	AUTHOR	TIME

TOTAL TIME		180 MINUTES
PARENT SIGNATURE		

HOME RUN READING LOG

TITLE	AUTHOR	TIME
TOTAL TIME		240 MINUTES + BOOK REVIEW

PARENT SIGNATURE

TEACHER SIGNATURE