



Hey, Kids and Parents!



Let's get ready to rumble and READ! In March we think of basketball and our favorite teams winning. We want our children to be winners, too! At Middlebury Elementary School we will celebrate **MARCH READING MADNESS**. We know that improving reading skills help our children be successful in many parts of their lives. Now is the time to encourage them to read for learning and pleasure. From March 2 until March 26, 2012 we are asking each student to read at home. We are challenging kindergarten students, first and second graders to read **20 minutes** on five days each week, or **100 minutes** a week. Third graders should read **30 minutes** a day five days a week, or **150 minutes** a week. Individual reading, parents reading to students, siblings reading to each other, reading in the car, reading at the Boys and Girls Club, etc. can be recorded on the student's log. Our overall school goal is **225,000 minutes** of reading for all students at Middlebury during the three weeks! We will tally minutes read and show our progress outside the library. We want you to encourage your child to meet these goals and sign their tally sheet when they reach 100 or 150 minutes. When they reach their goal, parents should sign the sheet and have students return the reading tally sheet, then pick up another one from their teacher. Families can also access the tally sheets on the school website under MES: www.mcsin-k12.org. **The deadline for returning all tally sheets is Monday, March 26.** Reading together with your child can be a wonderful experience for all of you.



Celebrate!

We have great prizes for individual readers with the most minutes and top classrooms. These include basketballs, lunch with Mr. Miller, and sports memorabilia. We will also be recognizing the student in each classroom chosen for best reading effort. Spend time at home reading and help your child be a winner!



As a school community we will have a special assembly featuring: our third grade musical groups, scooter races, student basketball skills' performances, a free throw shooting contest, cheerleaders, and our jump rope teams. More fun activities will be included. The library will be decorated with basketballs and feature our sports books and athlete biographies. Trivia questions and facts will be on morning announcements. Total minutes read will be posted on basketballs outside the library.



On Friday, March 30, students can wear team/ Middie shirts or sweatshirts to school.

Reading and basketball are both fun activities. Let's have a great time during Middlebury March Reading Madness doing both, followed by a celebration of our accomplishments. Let's rumble and read!



Mr. Miller and Mrs. Doeden

