

March 2019

Hey Middies and Parents!

Celebrate March! Now that the snow and cold is slipping away it is time to **READ!**

Basketball fans everywhere are filling out brackets and cheering on their favorite College basketball teams. Each hoping their team will be the winner of the final four! We at Middlebury are cheering on our students to be winners too.

March reading Madness has arrived and settled into our school and homes. Don't try to fight it! You can't beat it! You just gotta read it!

We know that improving reading skills help our children be successful in many parts of their lives. Now is the time to make the assist and encourage your student to read for learning and pleasure. From March 1 until March 25, 2018 we are asking each student to "hoop it up" and read at home. Unlike the basketball tournament it is not "one and done." We are challenging kindergarten students, first and second graders to read 20 minutes on five days in a week or 100 minutes a week. Third grade students are challenged to "take it to the hoop" and read 30 minutes a day in 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 all count and be recorded on the students reading log. Our overall school goal is a total 120,000 minutes of reading! Please encourage your child to meet the weekly goals of either 100 minutes or 150 minutes. When a child reaches their weekly/minute goal, parents should sign the reading log and have students return it to school. Students can then pick up another reading log from their teacher or in the library. Reading logs are also available on the school website under MES: www.mcsin-k12.org. The deadline for returning all reading logs is **Monday March 25, 2018**.

Time to Celebrate!

Our March tournament is full of fun and prizes! There will be prizes for individual readers with the most minutes and the top classroom at each grade level. And we will recognize the student in each classroom for the best reading effort and personal best! As a school community we will have a special assembly with Northridge boys and girls basketball team members.

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.