



Mr. Gerlach's Reading Challenge

2020-2021

Mr. Gerlach is challenging all DBES students to participate in his D.B.E.S. Minute Reading Challenge. The purpose of this challenge is to promote "at home" reading during the school year. Our goal is to build reading skills, comprehension, and fluency. We want to encourage opportunities for our students to experience the fun of reading for personal pleasure and to gain information.

Primary students (Head Start, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade) are encouraged to use their reading skills daily at home and read for enjoyment at least once a day for 15 – 20 minutes. Listening to a story or reading independently helps increase reading skills.

Intermediate students (3rd through 5th grade) should read for 20 – 30 minutes a day. Students should read a wide variety of literature. Reading fluency and vocabulary acquisition is built through reading novels, informational texts, poetry, and magazines.

If you do not have books at home, your child can use Literacy Pro, or Tumblebooks (Both are located in Clever). There is also EPIC books, which is web based as well as the Journeys Text book found in Think Central in Clever.

This year students will use the Beanstack App that is found in Clever to log the number of minutes they read or listened to each day at home. We will no longer use a paper copy of the log. The top readers in each grade level will be awarded at the end of each quarter.

You can also use Beanstack to keep track of the books that have been read for **Read Across Broward**. More information will be sent home about this.

There is a reading celebration scheduled at the end of the year that your child will not want to miss. To attend this celebration your child must meet their grade level reading goal by May 28, 2021.

Grade Levels	Reading Goals By May 28, 2021
Head Start & Kindergarten, & A-Team	1,500 Minutes (25 hours)
1 st Grade	1,500 Minutes (25 hours)
2 nd Grade	2,250 Minutes (38 hours)
3 rd Grade	2,250 Minutes (38 hours)
4 th Grade	3,000 Minutes (50 hours)
5 th Grade	3,000 Minutes (50 hours)

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rothberger.