

# MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal      Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal  
September 2022

## Principal's Message

Happy September! Welcome back students and Meadowbrook families! This is our monthly newsletter. Our newsletter is distributed at the beginning of each month and contains important dates, highlights progress and programs, and recognizes student and staff achievements.

The first days of school were very successful and now we're on our way! We hope you had a wonderful summer, and we know you're ready for a great school year. Our Open House was well attended, biggest ever! It was wonderful to see so many families and students.

During the first days of school, all students were given a first day packet. Please take time to read all of this important information, fill out the requested forms, and complete online acknowledgement.

We would like to thank everyone who attended our first PTA meeting. Please support the PTA by becoming a member and supporting upcoming PTA events and activities. Together, we will have another fantastic school year with "Eagle Pride."

Be sure to visit our website: [meadowbrook.browardschools.com](http://meadowbrook.browardschools.com) and follow us on Twitter at @MeadowbrookElem for announcements and photos.

**-David J. Levine, Principal**



# Intern Principal's Message



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It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for over three weeks! Our students have come in ready to learn and we have settled into the daily routines. Please remember that you play a vital role in your child's success at school. You can help by asking your child about his/her day, having a positive attitude about learning, and reading to or with your child every night. You would be amazed what 20 minutes of reading with your child each night will do to his/her language development and reading skills. I look forward to working with you as we start this awesome school year with Eagle Pride.

Educationally Yours,  
Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



## Title I News



Welcome families to our new school year! The Meadowbrook Team is delighted to work with you on all things Title I. Our School-Parent Compact and Dissemination letter have been sent home with your child. Please fill out the Compact and return to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience. Our school's Parent Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) and Compact in multiple languages are available for viewing in our front office. If you have any questions, please contact me, Mrs. Gutierrez (Title I Liaison), at 754-323-6500.

## ESOL News

Our marvelous ESOL team, Mrs. Gutierrez and Mrs. Avila are thrilled to welcome parents and students to our 2022-2023 school year. We are diligently working on meeting the needs of all our ESOL students. A big CONGRATULATIONS to Meadowbrook Elementary for receiving the Imagine Learning Beacon School Award! This award represents the highest honor in the Imagine Nation customer recognition program. Go EAGLE PRIDE! SOAR HIGH!!!!



# School News



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## School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council is a group composed of the administrators, teachers, parents, community members, business partners, and other staff members. The committee reviews overall school operations and monitors student achievement. Each year the SAC team generates several school-wide objectives for the following year. These objectives are the cornerstone of our school improvement plan. The school improvement plan outlines our objectives along with the actions being implemented throughout the school aimed at assisting us in attaining our goals. The SAC committee meets monthly in the media center. These meetings are open to the public and we welcome and invite all to participate.

If you are interested in participating in our SAC meetings, please contact Luisa Hanfling, SAC Chair at

[luisa.hanfling@browardschoolschools.com](mailto:luisa.hanfling@browardschoolschools.com).



## Attendance

Attendance Matters! Please contact the school each time your child is absent and provide the school with the reason for the absence. The Meadowbrook Elementary Attendance Hotline number is (754) 323-6502. This line is open 24 hours/ 7 days a week for your convenience. Phone excuses and excuse notes must be received within 48 hours of the absence. Please contact Ms. Julienne, Attendance Manager at (754) 323-6500 should you have any questions regarding attendance. Remember: Attendance Counts! All Day, Every Day!

## Uniform Policy

Our Unified Dress Code Policy consists of the following:

- Docker style pants/shorts/skorts/jumpers must be navy blue or khaki.
- Collared, polo-style shirts must be light blue, royal blue, navy blue, yellow, or white.
- Jeans/denim material is **PROHIBITED** except for School Spirit Fridays when worn with a School Spirit shirt.
- Baggy pants, saggy pants, and cargo pants are **PROHIBITED**.
- Caps are allowed for P.E., weather conditions, religious reasons, and medical reasons only.

In the event your child comes to school wearing inappropriate attire, you may be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing to school.



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## Volunteers

Volunteers are welcome at Meadowbrook Elementary School. As always, student and staff safety are of utmost importance. Therefore, in accordance with SB1774/HB, Florida Statute 943.043 all individuals wishing to assist with students in any capacity at school, including class parties or on field trips must complete a volunteer on-line application at:

<https://www.browardschools.com/volunteers>

The approval process takes approximately two weeks. A specific volunteer badge will be made for each individual that has been approved.

We would like to receive the "Golden School Award." This award is given to schools with a large number of assistance hours generated by their volunteers. Please help us by being a volunteer and getting involved in our school. It is the children who benefit the most!

## Lost Property



Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name and encourage your child to take responsibility for his/ her own belongings. We have a **lost and found located in the cafeteria** where children may search through the lost items. Please have your child check lost and found, items are donated to charity every quarter, please ask at the front office. Parents, please remind your child not to take items that do not belong to them, if by chance an item does come home that does not belong to your child, please return it to the school.

## Five Tips Toward a More Positive Attitude

1. Kids model their parents' behavior. If they see you bouncing back from setbacks, they'll learn to do the same.
2. Help them see a way around obstacles. When something doesn't work out as planned, encourage them to brainstorm other ways to approach the problem or to reach their goal.
3. Let them know that negative reactions are okay when it's appropriate. Having a positive attitude doesn't mean burying legitimate feelings, but acknowledging them, and then finding a way to move on.
4. Teach constructive reframing. If a child declares she's lousy at sports, suggest that she simply needs more practice and that if excelling at sports *is important to her*, she'll eventually master the necessary skills.
5. Encourage positive self-talk. Words have power, so offer a few affirmations they can repeat until they become second nature.

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# Counseling Corner



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Sarah Sternglanz, School Counselor

Greetings! My name is Ms. Sarah Sternglanz and I am happy to be the school counselor at Meadowbrook Elementary. My roles at Meadowbrook are diverse and exciting. I teach classroom lessons related to social-emotional learning (SEL), which teach our students skills in self-regulation, conflict mediation, self-awareness, working towards goals, and mindfulness. I teach small group lessons for students with common concerns. I am the liaison for students in transition or in foster care. Communication with families is an important part of helping our wonderful students be successful and I look forward to speaking with you as we work together to prepare the most wonderful students in Broward County for life in the 21st century!

Family counseling is a great way for families to work through challenges and create a happier home. Family counseling is available for free for all families of Broward County Public School students. Call (975)321-1590 to make an appointment. Spanish language is available.

Students and families can access mindfulness practices and enjoy peaceful moments with mindfulness using the Inner Explorer application, located in Clever. See the difference that one minute of purposeful silence and mindfulness can make!



# Arrival / Dismissal



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## Transportation Changes

Please note, that due to security reasons, changes to your child's transportation status cannot be delivered via telephone. This is for the safety of your child, as we cannot safely identify callers via the telephone. Please help us by sending **any changes** with your child **in writing** to be delivered to the teacher the day before. Thank you for helping us to get our students home safely.



### Arrival



For the safety of our students, they should not arrive to school prior to 7:15 AM, as there is **NO** supervision available. Breakfast is served each morning beginning at 7:15 AM until 7:50 AM. Students must arrive to the cafeteria on time in order to have breakfast. The first bell rings at 7:50 AM. It is vital that all students arrive to school on time.

### Car Line



#### Drop off

- For safety reasons cell phone use is prohibited.
- Only the east parking area is to be used for drop off and pick up
- Please pull all the way forward, in order to keep the line moving.
- Remain inside your car.
- Once all cars have stopped, please allow your child to exit the vehicle.
- Students should exit from the passenger side of the vehicle.

#### Pick up

- Please have your car tag displayed EVERYDAY for faster service.
- Pull all the way forward before allowing your student in the car.
- Remain inside your car.
- Car line closes at 2:25 PM, after which you will need to go inside to pick up your student, **identification is required.**



# Classroom News



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## Pre-School

The Preschool students are excited to be in school. Our theme for this month is "All About Me". We're having lots of fun learning about ourselves and our friends. Try the following activity at home to promote pre-reading skills. Write the name of each person in your family on a separate index card. Bind the cards together and make a name book. Then read the book to your child.

## Second Grade

Welcome back to school! The teachers have been busy assessing your child to determine his or her reading and math levels. After our data has been collected, we will be meeting with you to discuss your child's learning goals. Please read a book with your child and practice addition/subtraction facts every night. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

## Kindergarten

In kindergarten, we are adjusting to our new environment. We are learning classroom rules, how to walk-in a line and how to be responsible for our belongings. We even have classroom jobs. This month our focus in reading is retelling a story and in math, compare numbers 0-5. In science, we are learning about plants and animals' characteristic. In social studies, we are learning about the weather. We are also learning more about Hispanic Heritage month. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

## Third Grade

Welcome to third grade! We enjoyed meeting you all at Open House. We are busy learning new routines and adjusting to our new environment. In reading, we are learning about central idea and key details. In math we are learning our multiplication patterns. Our curious scientists will be practicing classifying animals and plants! Please continue to read with your student every night for at least 20 minutes. We are looking forward to an amazing year with our wonderful third graders!

## First Grade

Ready, set, go!!! Yes, first grade is ready to learn a lot of new things in school. During this month, we will learn about story elements, identify the topic and relevant details in a text, and write narrative texts. In science, we are going to learn about plants and its parts and differentiate about living and nonliving things. Our social studies lessons will focus on identify people from the past who have shown character ideals and principles including honesty, courage, and responsibility and also, show respect and kindness to people and animals. Also, we will learn about physical and political maps to locate places in Florida. Please encourage your child to read at least 20 min every night to improve their fluency and comprehension. We look forward to getting amazing readers in first grade.

## Fourth Grade

In reading, we are learning about expository writing, identifying the main idea and supporting details, and summarizing the text. We are beginning our daily Walk to Read program to meet the specific reading instructional needs of our students. Lastly, we are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15th to October 15th. In Math, we are learning multiplication and division strategies. Please have students practice their facts daily. Lastly, in Science we are learning about rocks and minerals. We will have our first in-house field trip discussing rocks at the end of the month.



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## Fifth Grade

In 5th grade, our eagles are working on determining the central message of informational texts and identifying the relevant details that support it. With their writing, our eagles are learning how to plan for and respond to informative prompts. In science, they are learning about animal adaptations that help them survive in different environments. Finally, in math, they are learning how to add and subtract decimals.

## Media

In the media center this month, we are working on a few different things. We completed our orientation to the media center and learned how to checkout books. Next, we will be focusing on book genres and parts of a story. The students have been working so hard and are so motivated in their love of reading! It has been a thrill to see! Please remember to have your children log the books they are reading on Beanstack to earn credit for Reading Across Broward!

## ART

Welcome back! Students in grades 2-5 are now working on projects directly related to Hispanic Heritage. We have Molasses from Panama, and God's Eye from Mexico. We are also learning about a wonderful tradition, Los Dios de los Muertos as we create Sugar Skulls, and Papel Picado. Our little ones (K and 1) are learning the basics of Lines in Art. We are off to a wonderful start!

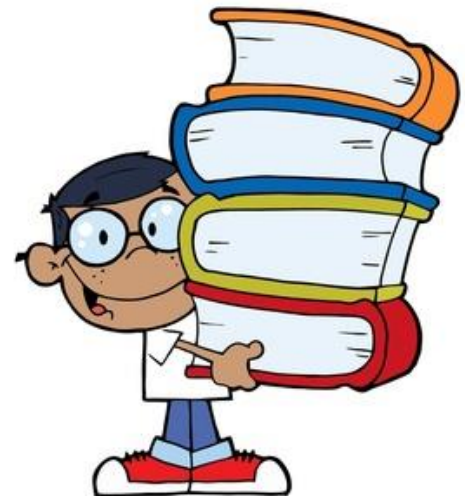
Creatively yours, Mrs. Hines

## Music

This month in music, we will be discussing the instruments and music of Latin America as we celebrate Latin American Heritage Month! The kids will learn about great musicians and artists such as: Tito Puente, Gloria Estefan, Santana, Marc Antony and Shakira! We have also begun morning chorus rehearsals for the Winter Concert. It is not too late to join up!

## P.E.

Welcome back Meadowbrook students! In Physical Education class we learned the P.E. rules for the year and started a lesson on walking. Did you know walking is one of the easiest forms of exercise? Hippocrates one of the greatest know physician once said, "Walking is the best medicine." I encourage you to walk more and keep your heart healthy.





# Meadowbrook Elementary Peace Week Dress Up Days

Show your Spirit for Peace Week!

Monday, September 19 through Friday, September 23

Monday, 9/19	Tuesday, 9/20	Wed., 9/21	Thurs, 9/22	Friday, 9/23
Be a Peace Superhero!	International Day of Peace!	We are Crazy about Peace!	We are Team Peace!	School Spirit for Peace!
Wear a superhero shirt	Wear white for peace	Wear your crazy socks	Wear your favorite team jersey	Wear blue and yellow or a Meadowbrook t-shirt.
				





# FORTIFYFL

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FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

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## Hello, families!

SuccessMaker is an award-winning educational software program that delivers supplemental instruction in Reading and Mathematics. SuccessMaker provides students with individualized *instruction*, helpful *tools*, and targeted *practice*. SuccessMaker can be used at home on many desktop, laptop, and tablet devices.

Your student's teacher will communicate any assignments.

As you begin working, consider watching the SuccessMaker student orientation video:

[Getting Started with SuccessMaker Math for K-2nd Grade Students](#)

[Getting Started with SuccessMaker Math for 3rd-8th Grade Students](#)

[Getting Started with SuccessMaker Reading for K-8th Grade Students](#)

SuccessMaker is an adaptive curriculum, that asks questions based on student responses. A supportive environment is one where students can work quietly for their 15-20 minute session. Please refrain from helping your student. Instead, we suggest encouraging students to listen to their character or cognitive coach embedded within the program and to try their best! Reassure them it is okay to get some problems incorrect; this will help SuccessMaker understand where they need some extra practice.

Your student's work station needs:

- A steady internet connection (Minimum Connection Speed: 1.5 Mb/second)
- Speakers or headphones
- A browser capable of launching SuccessMaker (Test your browser at <http://browserinfo.smhost.net>)
- Some some scratch paper when working in SuccessMaker Math

When your student finishes his or her session, the session data will appear. Since students are working in their learning zone, we expect their percentage to hover between 65% and 80% at the end of each session.

We look forward to seeing your student succeed and grow while using SuccessMaker Math or Reading.

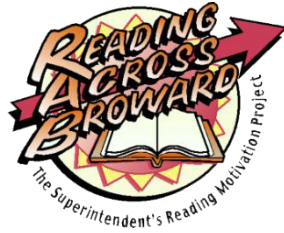
Yours in education,

**The SuccessMaker Team**



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**BEANSTACK – Books**  
**2022-2023**



**Beanstack**

The Reading Across Broward (RAB) challenge runs from March 31- April 1<sup>st</sup> annually. Students will receive an award certificate based on the number of books read at the end of the school year.

Below is an “alignment” of the number of books read and the respective Reading Across Broward (RAB) recognition award status.

**Grades PreK-2**

Level 1 2022-2023	Books Read	RAB Award
<b>PreK-Gr. 2</b>	25	Bronze/ Participation
	50	Silver
	75	Gold
	100	Honor Roll

**Grades 3-5**

Level 2 2022-2023	Books Read	RAB Award
<b>Gr. 3-5</b>	10	Bronze/ Participation
	25	Silver
	35	Gold
	50	Honor Roll

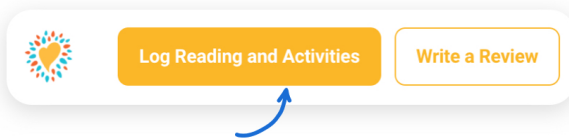
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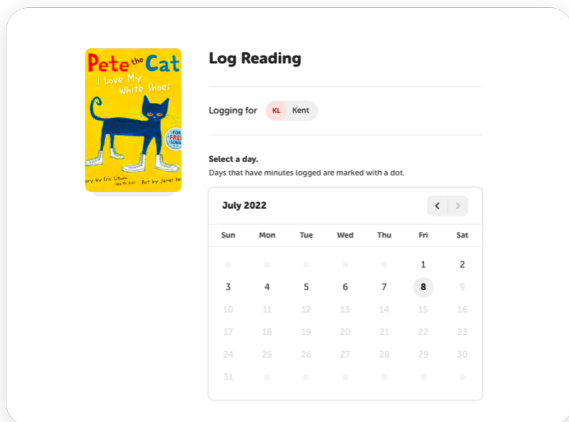
Your district and school add new challenges throughout the year, so make sure to check your "Challenges" tab to register for any new challenges!

### Log Reading

Click "Log Reading and Activities" at the top of the page.



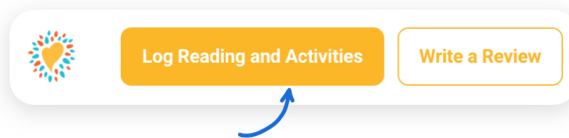
Select "minutes" and then fill in the date, minutes, title and author. Click "Log".



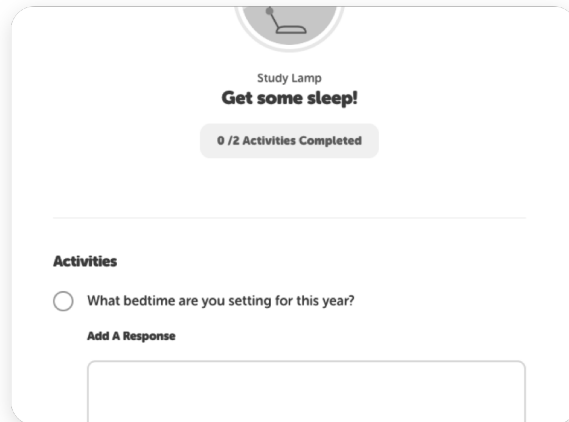
If you earned a badge, you'll see it right away! Check out your progress toward your next badge under the "Logging Badges" tab.

### Log an Activity

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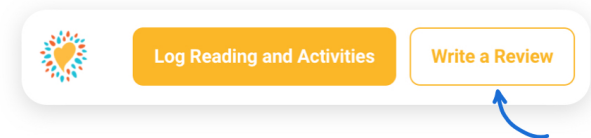
Select "Activities," choose an activity badge and then an activity. Follow the instructions to complete the activity.



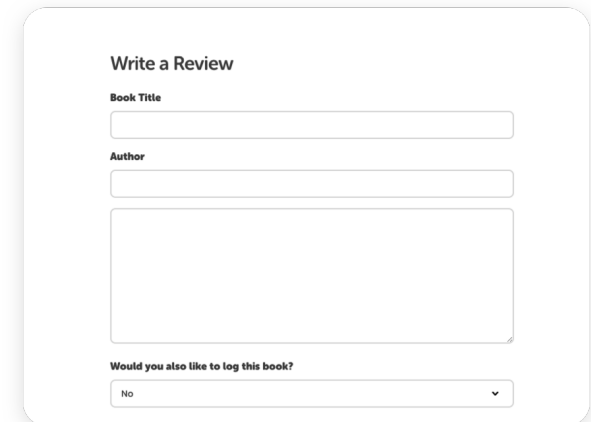
If you don't see "Activities" as an option on your site, don't worry! Just check back for a new challenge at your school that includes activities.

### Write a Review

Click "Write a Review" at the top of the page.



Enter the title and author, write your review, and click "Save."

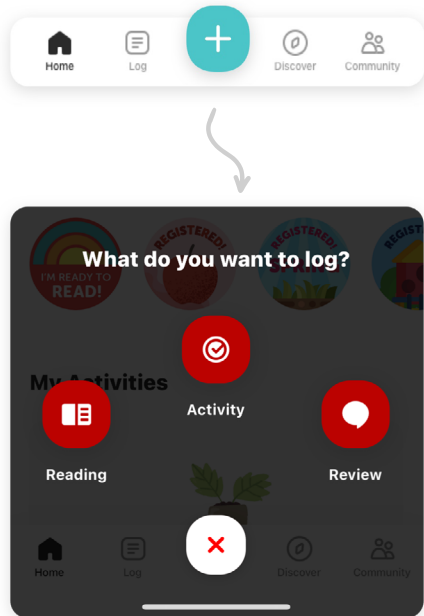


Note: You can also add a review on the "Log Reading" page.

## In the App

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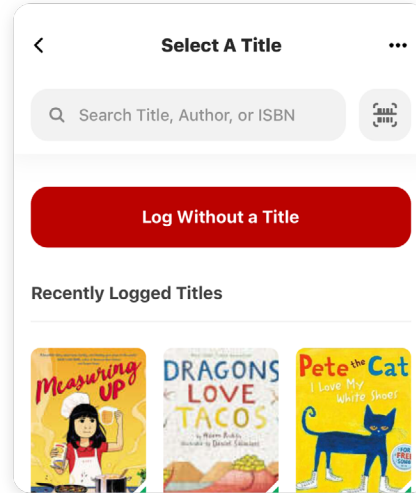
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### Then

#### Log Reading

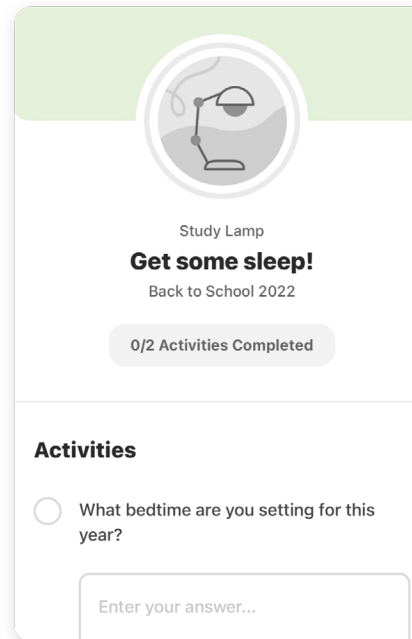
Click "Reading" and choose a way to enter your book title. (Pro tip: scanning the ISBN is the easiest and most fun!)



Click "Start Timer" to automatically time your reading session or "Log Reading" to enter the date, minutes read, and other details. Click "Done" to enter your log.

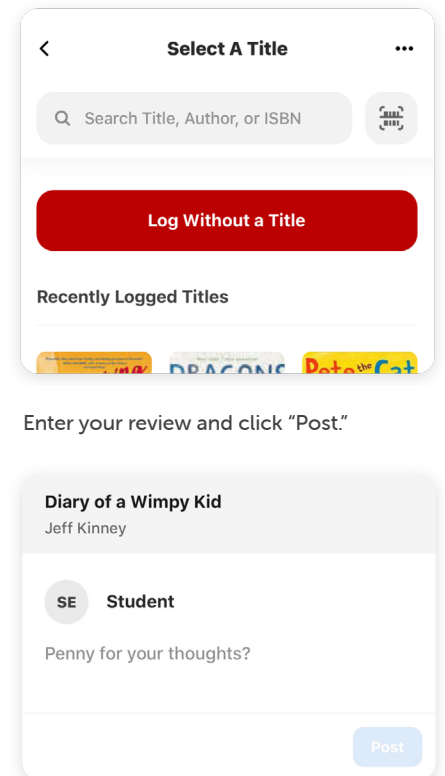
#### Log an Activity

Click "Activity," choose an activity badge and then an activity. Follow the instructions to complete the activity.



#### Write a Review

Click "Review" and choose a way to enter your book title.



Enter your review and click "Post."

Download the Beanstack app!

