

# Columbus Students

Are you ready for the challenge????  
Can you read 1,000,000 minutes from  
October to March?



To celebrate Literacy Month last year, the Columbus PTO issued a challenge to our students and asked them if they could read 2,000 books over a six week period. Not only did the students meet the challenge, but they finished by reading close to 2,300 books. To celebrate, the students were rewarded with some small gifts and an ice cream sundae day.

**So what's this year's challenge? Can we read 1,000,000 minutes? Are you up for the challenge?**

Sounds like a lot? 1,000,000 minutes, how can that be possible? Let's see, we have about 500 students currently enrolled in the Columbus. If each student reads 15 minutes a night, that's 7,500 minutes a day x 7 days, that's 52,500 minutes a week and after 20 weeks, we could reach 1,050,000 total minutes.

How does it work? Beginning Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, start counting the minutes you read. Attached is a form to log your minutes. Once completed, it can be dropped off in the box in the main office and watch as our reading totals climb. Once we reach our goal, all students will receive a **mystery surprise!**



The Columbus School is a Community of Readers. Remember,  
Read Every Day, Live a Better Life!

You don't have to read alone. Read with a friend, with a family member or read together as a class. Every minute read counts towards our goal.



So to get started, please complete the Pledge Form below and return it to the Main Office. To help support the reading challenge, we are asking families for a \$1.00 voluntary donation with the pledge. The funds raised from the donation will help support supplies and the reward to complete the challenge. The donation is not required to participate in the Reading Challenge.

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## Columbus School 1,000,000 Minute Reading Pledge

I, \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to read at least 15 minutes a day and participate in the 1,000,000 minute Reading Challenge.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00 Donation Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Return the Reading Challenge Pledge to the Main Office.

*(In order to be eligible for the reward at the end of the challenge, you must read a minimum of 300 total minutes. Students who do not meet the minimum will not receive the reward)*