

Reading Counts at Park Dale Lane

2016-2017

Reading Counts is a reading incentive program that is produced by Scholastic, Inc. Park Dale Lane's PTA is sponsoring Reading Counts as the school-wide reading program for students in grades K-6th.

How does Reading Counts work?

Students independently read self-selected books at their reading level and accumulate points for passing comprehension quizzes generated by a Scholastic computer program. Reading Counts books from our PDL library are identified by neon pink tape on the book spines. You can also search for books here:

<http://src.scholastic.com/bookexpert/default.asp?UID=15B8001AE0E24766B8EB5C885CA85DDC&subt=0&Test=NA>

Students are given time in class to take the Reading Counts quizzes. If students don't pass the quiz, they may retake the quiz up to two more times. Students are required to wait 24 hours before the quiz can be retaken.

For Kindergarten students, adults read books aloud at home (or students capable of reading independently read books aloud to an adult). Adults record the books read on the "Reading Record Sheet" on the back of the Kindergarten homework sheet.

For First grade, until students are able to read books independently, adults may read books and the Reading Counts computer quizzes aloud to students.

When does Reading Counts begin?

Students will begin accumulating Reading Counts points on September 12, 2016.

When does Reading Counts end?

The last day to take Reading Counts quizzes will be on June 5, 2017.

What are the cut-off and assembly dates?

Cut-off dates (Mondays)	Assemblies (Mondays)
10/3/16	10/10/16
12/5/16	12/12/16
1/30/17	2/6/17
5/8/17	5/15/17
6/5/17	6/12/17

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Reading Levels

Points						
Reward	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Blue dog tag	10	15	25	30	35	40
Red dog tag	20	35	50	60	65	70
Bronze dog tag	30	60	80	90	105	120
Silver dog tag	40	80	105	130	150	170
Gold dog tag	50	100	140	170	220	230
PDL Reading University						
Degree	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Associate (AA)	60	125	170	210	290	320
Bachelors (BA)	70	150	200	250	360	410
Masters (MA)	80	175	230	290	430	500
Doctorate (PhD)	100	200	260	330	500	590

The Park Dale Lane Millionaires Club

The state of California suggests that each middle school student read one million words a year at his/her reading level. The Reading Counts program keeps track of the number of words that students read. When students reach a million words read for the year, they become members of the Park Dale Lane Millionaires Club and receive a special award.

Top Points Earned and Most Words Read

As we strive to find ways to motivate students for their reading efforts, we will recognize one primary and upper grade student who earns the highest number of points. We will also recognize one primary and upper grade student who reads the most words over and above one million words. These students will be recognized at the End of the Year Award Assembly.



Happy Reading!

