



Dr. Phillips Elementary School

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Dear Dr. Phillips Families,

Reading is a school wide focus in all grade levels. To help support student literacy, students utilize iReady on a weekly basis in reading and in math. In addition to iReady students are encouraged to read at least 20 minutes a night during the week, read AR (Accelerated Reader) books, and take AR tests when they finish reading a test.

iReady Goals

- Students are to earn 45 minutes a week in reading and in math. Students work on iReady during the school day at centers.
- At the end of the week please review your student's progress by having your student log into iReady through their student Launchpad (Launchpad.ocps.net). Once logged in, students will click on the subject ("Reading") then click on "My Progress". If students have not yet reached 45 minutes, please have them work on their remaining minutes. It is not recommended for students to go over 60 minutes in a given week. iReady minutes reset Sunday night for the new school week.

Accelerated Reader

- Students are encouraged to read one to two AR books a week and take their AR test. Books can be checked out at the school library or at your local library. AR tests must be taken at school either before or after school during media center hours, or during the school day.
- The books you have at home may be an AR book. Visit arbookfind.com to look up if a book is an AR book and to review the level.
- In the media center there is the Soaring with AR wall. As students earn points their photo is moved along the wall. Each month they are awarded prizes for their total points.
- Millionaire Book Club – Students are encouraged to read and earn their AR points by making at least an 80% or higher on their AR tests. For each book students earn a passing grade they earn AR points and log the word count for each book. Students who read 1,000,000 words in grades 3-5 and students who read 100 books in grades 1 and 2 will earn their spot on the Millionaires' Wall of fame!
- PTA is supporting AR by sponsoring the AR store twice a year. Students may redeem the points they earn at the AR store.

Media Center Hours

- The media center is open before school on most days 8:15 am – 8:40 am. Classes have a rotating schedule where they visit the media center on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to check out books.
- The media center is open after school from 3:00 – 3:20 pm most days.

If you have any questions regarding the media center or AR please contact Mrs. Finn our media specialists.

Thank you,

Christine Rogers
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