

Melton Primary School Newsletter

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WE ARE SUPPORTIVE



- ✓ We are understanding and encourage others to do their best.
- ✓ We give feedback and positive reinforcement.
- ✓ We listen, collaborate and work well in teams.
- ✓ We aim to build positive relationships.
- ✓ We are sympathetic to the needs of others.

NEVER GIVE UP

BASED ON SCIENCE



1 Be a Supportive Role Model

Model resilient behaviors. Be calm and consistent. Admit your own mistakes and talk about how you'll get better next time.



2 Let Them Make Mistakes

Let them see the consequences of their actions. They will learn how to bounce back from their mistakes and do better next time.



3 Praise The Right Way

Give "process praise" by focusing on strategies, progress, or effort: "I can tell you've been working really hard," or "You really understand decimals."



4 Teach to Manage Emotions

Teach that all emotions are okay. Deal with bad behavior to set limits. Brainstorm ways to fix the problem and prevent it in the future.



5 Teach to Problem Solve

Don't rush to solve problems for them or tell them the solution. Brainstorm solutions to address the challenge. Discuss potential consequences of each solution.

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Education Week

We look forward to our STEM Night tomorrow night and we are hosting a number of open mornings/afternoons throughout this week. It will be wonderful to see as many families as possible visit and engage with their child's learning onsite. Thank you to our staff for supporting and hosting these events.

Parent Teacher Meetings - Monday 15th July - Student Free Day

Families will be shortly asked to book in for a student led conference with classroom and specialist teachers via Compass. This will be your opportunity to discuss with your child and their teacher, their performance and future learning. Monday 15th July is the day where students do not attend normal school, but only with the parent for Parent Teacher meetings.

Education Support Day - THIS THURSDAY

On the 16th May we will be acknowledging our wonderful education support staff, these are the staff that are part of our team that work in the office, library, support in the classroom and support our students in our support and extension programs. Every day, education support staff work to keep our school running, support our students to learn and our teachers to teach. Thank you to our wonderful education support staff for your dedication and commitment to supporting our students and staff. On this day, I ask all families to say thank you to the education support staff at our school - we have a sensational education support team at MPS!



From the Principal's desk

Happy Mother's Day

We hope that all of our Mothers, Grandmothers and special women in our student's lives had a wonderful day on Sunday. Thank you for your contributions to the lives of our students. A special thank you to the wonderful members of the Helping Hands of Melton PS who arranged and ran the Mother's Day stall, we acknowledge Michelle, Hannah, Megan, Tiffany, Fiona, Melissa, Michelle and Natasha for running the Mother's Day Stall. A special thank you to Mrs Sutherland for her organisation. We value and appreciate all of your work.

District Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in the District Cross Country. With determination and will power, each of our students tried their best. Each and every student should be exceptionally proud of their efforts on the day. Well done to those students who will now go onto the Regional Cross Country. We wish you all the best. Thank you to Ms Speranza, Mr Trewavis and Ms Knight for their organisation and attendance at the District Cross Country.

Grade 6 Camp

To all of our students in Grade 6 who are off to camp next week at Queenscliffe, we hope that you have a sensational time. Please ensure that you thank our staff as they take time away from their own families to provide you with this opportunity.

Headlice

Please be advised that we have had a number of reported cases of headlice. A reminder that families are required to routinely check their child's hair for headlice. If live lice are found, children are not permitted at school until they have been treated. We encourage families to treat their children a week after the initial treatment in case any eggs have hatched.

Vanessa Harrison
Principal

Key Dates for Term 2, 2024

May

- 13th - 17th - Education Week - open classrooms
- 14th - Dress Up Day: When I Grow Up I want to be a...
- 14th - STEM Night 3:15pm - 4:10pm
- 15th - $\frac{5}{8}$ AFL Girls Tournament - selected students
- 16th - Education Support Appreciation Day
- 20th - 22nd Grade 6 Camp Wyuna
- 22nd - Simultaneous Story Time
- 24th - Melton Minis
- 28th - Foundation Animal Land Excursion
- 29th - **Teacher Professional Practice Day - students not required at school**



June

- 6th - Teeth on Wheels
- 6th - $\frac{3}{4}$ Soccer Tournament - selected students
- 7th - Melton Minis
- 10th - **King's Birthday Holiday**
- 11th - **Curriculum Day - students not required at school**
- 12th - 14th - Teeth on Wheels
- 14th - Gr 6 Winter Lightning Prem - Selected students
- 18th - Tony's Pie delivery
- 19th - Gr 5 Refugee Incursion
- 20th - 21st - Teeth on Wheels
- 21st - Crazy Hair day - gold coin donation
- 21st - Assembly LIVE
- 24th - 26th Grade 5 City Camp
- 25th - $\frac{5}{8}$ Soccer tournament - selected students
- 28th - Last day of term - 2:30pm finish



Crazy Hair Day!!!



On Friday 21st June, the Junior SRC have organised a 'crazy hair day' fundraiser to help raise money to end youth homelessness through the charity 'Kids Undercover'.

We encourage everybody to support our fundraiser by bringing along a gold coin and coming to school with the craziest hairstyles imaginable!



Sensational Attendance

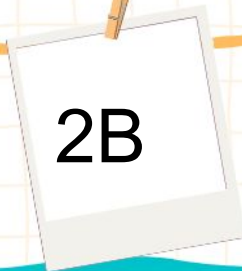
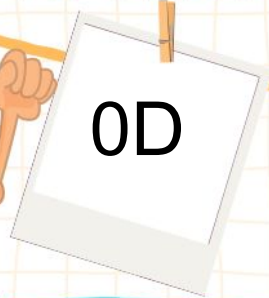
ATTENDANCE



LAST FORTNIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING GRADES



IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE AWAY

enter an absence on Compass or
phone 9753 5335 and select 1 to leave a message

WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME AN ISSUE?



SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer days

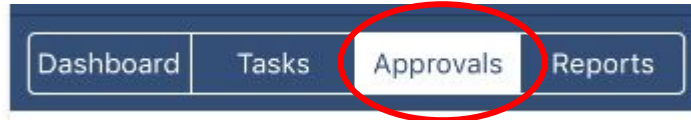
WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days



Reporting your child absent on the Compass app

1. Click on HOME
2. Click on YOUR CHILD
3. Click on APPROVALS
4. Click on the + symbol in the bottom right corner.
5. Complete the screen that appears



5.1 Select a reason for your child's absence.

5.2 Add further details

5.3 Add in the start and end dates that your child will be absent.

5.4 Click Add Approval

A screenshot of the 'Add Approval' form in the Compass app. The form has a dark blue header with 'Cancel' and 'Add Approval' buttons. Below the header, there is a 'Reason' field with a dropdown menu currently set to 'None'. Underneath is a 'Details / Comments' section with a large white text area. Further down are 'Start Date' and 'End Date' fields, both showing '10/04/2018' with time ranges. At the bottom, there is a 'Missed' section with a blue link 'Activites missed by this approval' and an information icon. A blue 'Add Approval' button is at the very bottom of the form.A screenshot of the 'Add Approval' reason selection screen. It has a dark blue header with a back arrow and the text 'Add Approval'. Below the header is a list of reasons: 'Illness/Medical', 'Dentist', 'Bereavement', 'Truancy', 'Parent Choice', 'Family Holiday', and 'Religious/Cultural Observance'. Each reason is on a separate line with a horizontal separator.

Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund (CSEF) \$\$\$

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- **\$150** for primary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Applications should be lodged as soon as possible, with schools accepting them until the end of term 2.

2025 Foundation Enrolments

Statewide timeline for Foundation (Prep) enrolments. Steps to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for the 2025 school year

To start primary school in 2025, your child will need to turn 5 years old by 30 April 2025. Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old. If your child is starting Foundation (Prep) in 2025, you will be able to apply to enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school from the start of Term 2, 2024 (Monday 15 April 2024).

What you need to do:

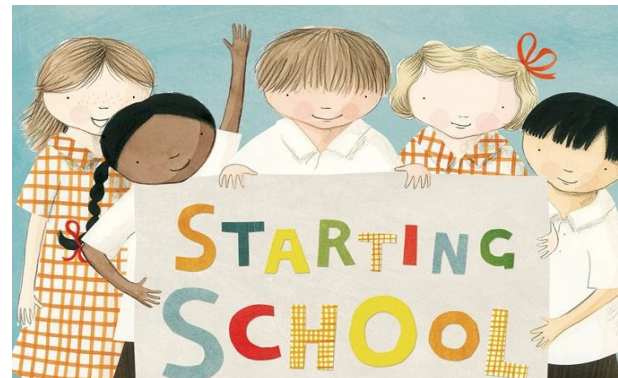
1. Use [Find my School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school) and other nearby government schools.
2. Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
3. Download the 'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents and Carers.' The pack will be available from Monday 15 April 2024 and will include an application form. The school may also provide you with a copy of the form to complete.
4. Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) by Friday 26 July 2024.
5. You will be notified of the outcome of your application between Monday 29 July and Friday 9 August 2024. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should accept the offer by Friday 23 August 2024.
6. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during Term 4, 2024.
7. Your child will start Foundation (Prep) from Wednesday 29 January 2025.

Enrolment applications submitted after 26 July 2024 will be processed by the school as they are received, in accordance with the Department of Education's Placement Policy.

Your child has a right to enrol at their local school. Your child's local school is determined on the basis of their permanent residential address. Visit [Find my School](#) to locate your child's local school.

The [enrolling in a school](#) page can also help you to confirm your child's address for enrolment.

If you are seeking to apply to enrol your child in a school that is not their local school, you should read about [school zones](#) and how they work and how applications are prioritised using the Department of Education's Placement Policy found on the [enrolling in a school](#) page.



8 steps to logging books for the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx>

1. Click on log in for

School coordinator or student

2. Click on VPRC and insert your child's log in details.

VPRC login

For Government, Catholic, Independent and Home based readers

3. Click on your child's drop down menu from your child's dashboard located in the top left corner



4. From the drop down menu, click on search books

 Search Books

5. Enter the title and author, click search. Then locate the book from the list and click the title.

Search for books

Enter Book Name, author, series or ISBN

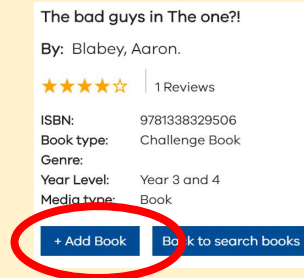
All Books ▼

Clear All

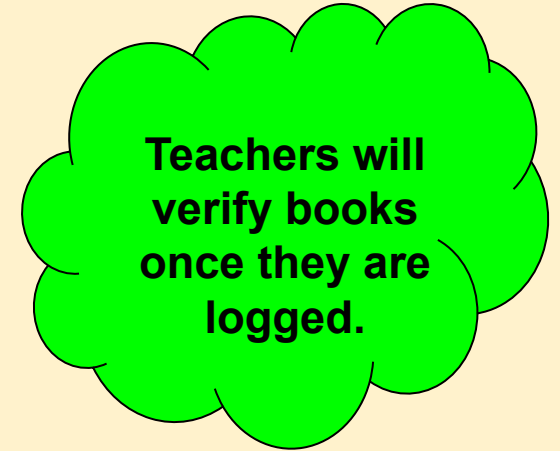
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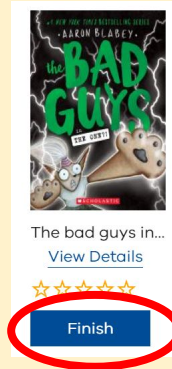
6. Details of the book will then appear and click add book.



The bad guys in The one?!
By: Blabey, Aaron.
★★★★☆ | 1 Reviews
ISBN: 9781338329506
Book type: Challenge Book
Genre:
Year Level: Year 3 and 4
Media type: Book
[+ Add Book](#) [Book to search books](#)

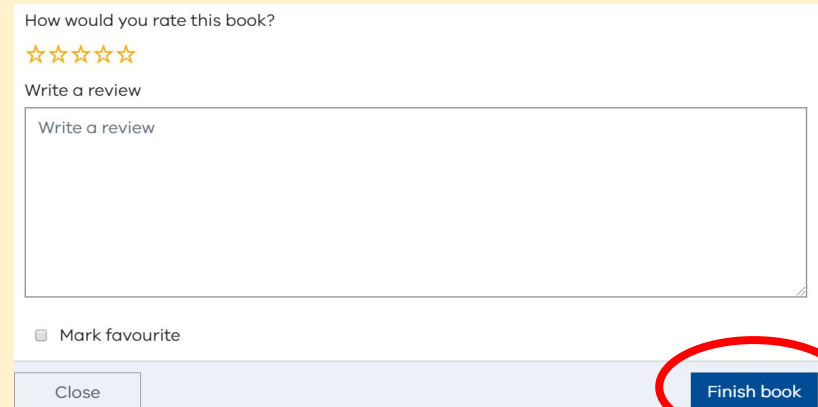


7. Then click Dashboard and you will be taken to your child's dashboard where you will see the book listed. Click Finish



The bad guys in...
[View Details](#)
★★★★☆
[Finish](#)

8. You are then able to rate the book (even write a review if you really want to) and then click finish book.



How would you rate this book?
★★★★☆
Write a review
Write a review
 Mark favourite
[Close](#) [Finish book](#)

**THUR 16TH
MAY**

**GRADE 4
9:40-10:40AM**

**GRADE 1
12:30-1:30**

**FRI 17TH
MAY**

**GRADE 2
9:40-
10:40AM**

**FOUNDATION
2:05-
2:50PM**

EDUCATION WEEK- OPEN CLASSROOMS WEEK 5 13-17TH MAY

**TUES 14TH
MAY**

**GRADE 5
8:40-9:40AM**

**POP INTO YOUR
CHILD/RENS
CLASSROOM TO
VISIT THEM
DURING THE
OPEN TIME**

**WED 15TH
MAY**

**GRADE 6
8:40-9:40AM**

**GRADE 3
2:05-2:55PM**



Education Week

Celebrating public education

Education Week - Dress Up Day

Tuesday 14th May 2024

When I grow up I want to be a ...





MELTON CITY LIBRARIES
**SHORT STORY
COMPETITION**

Entries open from 6 May to 12 July 2024
[MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU/MCLSHORTSTORY](https://melton.vic.gov.au/mclshortstory)

MELTON
CITY
LIBRARIES



The Melton Library short story competition has started!
The competition is running from the 6th of May to the 12th of July.

If your child loves writing, please enter in this great competition for your chance to win some prizes. Entries can be through text, illustration, video, verse, voice or a combination of all the above.

The library is also hosting little writers workshops on Wednesdays to help encourage your child's writing imagination.

Please encourage your child to enter!

MELTON
CITY
LIBRARIES



LITTLE WRITERS

Create imaginative worlds, colourful characters and stories that leap off the page! We'll have you on the way to writing a book of your very own in no time. For kids aged 7-14.

Wednesdays • 4pm to 4.45pm • Online

BOOKINGS REQUIRED
VISIT [LIBRARYEVENTS.MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU](https://libraryevents.melton.vic.gov.au)
OR CALL 9747 5300



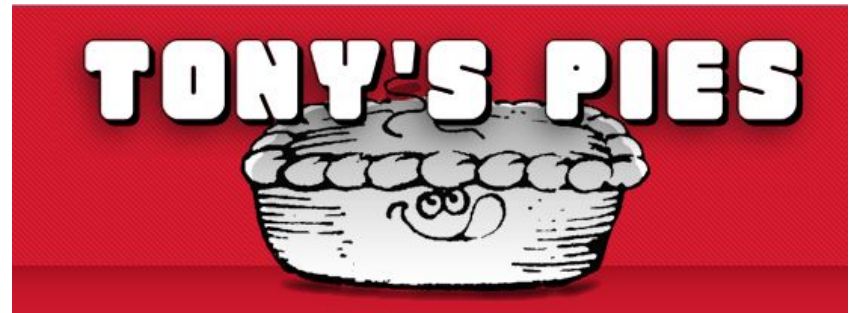
We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a Pie Drive.

Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls that will be delivered on **Tuesday, June 18, 2024**.

(orders will close 12pm on 14th June)

All ordering and payments are now completed online, so scan the QR code or follow the link to order your yummy treats.

<https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/melton-primary-school/>



Foundation



Our farm excursion is coming up on Tuesday 28th May! So that your child doesn't miss out, please remember to pay prior to the 19th May.

We are really excited about this amazing excursion where, among other things, we get to milk a cow, churn butter, ride a tractor, ride a pony and see lots of different farm animals. We cannot wait!



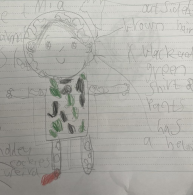
Grade 2

23/4/24
The amazing Mia is walking on the red carpet. The cute little cottage lives in the sun. It looks beautiful, roses and flowers. I would feel a cozy smell. A lovely fine, fast, warm, cosy air. Here, the beautiful blue forest, I can see a wonderful forest and I can touch a cozy couch, a small, a lovely...

The ~~old~~ ^{hope} ~~grape~~ ^{your energy}
One sunny day a group name Jerry. When to go on a walk there. To see everything but all the animals could not. After a while, he looked and took but he realised that he is in another dream!!! He was skokide to be continue.

Disjunct Words
Mascovers - Miss
pig - pig
sing - sing
take - take
The Mouse
There was a mouse
Mincules
Cheesy lido
Mince
The Selt
The
Has a lot of trees and
forest

back I touched
Small hat
white
next I could hear
he had a
inside
Mia
a



Key Reminders:

- Student free day (29th May)
- Community Walk (7th June)
- King's Birthday and Curriculum day (10th and 11th June)
- Reading EVERY NIGHT!
- Work on your learning goals at home.

The last few weeks we have been learning about narratives and what makes a good narrative.

REMINDERS

Camp- Monday 20th May- Wednesday 22nd May. Students who are not attending are expected to come to school.

Student free day- 29th May

King's Birthday and Curriculum day- 10th and 11th June

Reading EVERY NIGHT

Work on your **learning goals** at home.

Grade 6

The hot desert had the most bright and brilliant colourful sky. Dead trees begged for water. The desert was so severe at sunset. Birds roam the sky. Then Emily walked outside of her tiny home. She saw the sky and thought it was dull, gloomy and barren. All she saw were dead trees. Droughts often did that to people, you'd get tired of the heat and you dreamed of rain. It was cruel.

Macenna Hickey



As night turns, chilly trees become drier. Then before people separate, it becomes colder. Cold shivers and roads close. The temperature was dropping slowly and it became colder and colder...no one could leave...

Scarlett Spooner



In the quiet of the night, the bright starry moon rises. The dark blue sky brings cool air to the land. The time of the night brings joy to the locals as they desperately needed cool air...

Caleb Soloi



In grade 6 we were learning to use our text study Mallee Sky to inspire our own writing pieces. Check out these great examples!

FOUNDATION

Are learning to explore what beat is by listening to songs and using difference percussion instruments.

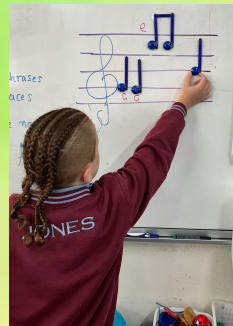
GRADE 1

Students have been learning how to keep a steady beat when playing various instruments.



GRADE 3

Students are learning about music notation by naming different notes and identifying their values.



GRADE 6

Students are learning to play chords on different instruments.



GRADE 2

Students have been learning about beat and rhythm. They have been exploring different rhythmic patterns in songs



GRADE 4

Students are learning how to play the Ukulele. They have been labelling the different parts and identifying simple chords.

GRADE 5

Students have been analysing and discussing the themes and motifs in different songs. They are also exploring ways to create music using ordinary objects.

We know it can be difficult at times to get help for your children. Don't forget that KidsHelpline is an option.

Our 5 Operational Principles



Privacy and confidentiality



All young people are treated with respect



All young people can choose the gender of the counsellor they speak to



Young people are able to access the same counsellor if they wish to call back



Young people are encouraged to give feedback about Kids Helpline & the service they receive

It's OK to talk about it



Call

Email

WebChat

[kidshelpline.com.au](https://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

1800 55 1800

FREE CALL 24/7

 Kids Helpline is a service of yourtown for 5-25 year olds | Emergency 000

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.

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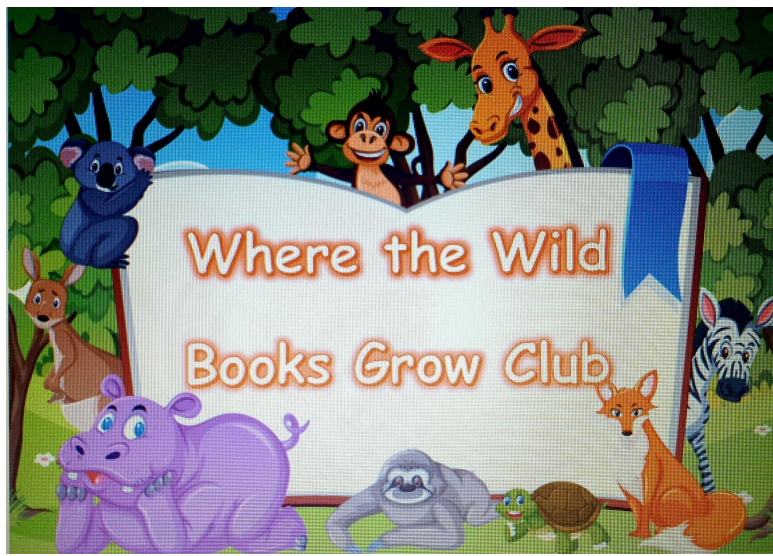
Since 1991, Australia's kids and young people have been turning to our professional counsellors, no matter who they are or what they want to talk about.

Over this time, we have responded to **over 8.5 million contacts**. For some young people, connecting with Kids Helpline has been a life-saving experience, while for others it's about practical help and emotional support at the critical moment they need someone to listen.

MHiPS
Mental Health in Primary Schools

Tammy Jordan
Mental Health & Wellbeing

Wild Books Club



If you have trouble fitting in reading each night, have your child visit the library each lunch time and someone will listen to them read.

Why read 20mins at home?

Student A

- * 20 minutes of reading a day
- * 3600 minutes per school year
- * 1800000 words per year
- * scores in the top 10% in standardized tests



Student B

- * 5 minutes of reading a day
- * 900 minutes per school year
- * 282000 words per year
- * scores average 50% in standardized tests



Student C

- * 1 minute of reading a day
- * 180 minutes per school year
- * 8000 words per year
- * scores in the bottom 10% in standardized tests



If a child starts reading 20 minutes per night in kindergarten, by the end of year 8, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

Want to be a better reader? GOOD! START READING!!!