



2016 Arno Elementary March Is Reading Month

Star Wars...In A Galaxy Far, Far Away...We Read!

Dear Arno Families,

March is Reading Month (MIRM) is right around the corner and we are excited about it. This month, Arno will be giving special emphasis to activities that promote reading as a fun and enjoyable experience. Our theme this month is **"Star Wars...In a Galaxy Far Far Away...We Read!"**

This year we are challenging students to read weekly recommended reading times. Students will have weekly time sheets to be returned every Monday in March.

Here are the details of this year's March is Reading Month activities:

- **Kickoff activities:** Star Wars theme music on daily broadcast, book raffles, door decorating contest, and class poster contest.
- **Weekly Time Sheets:** Students will be given weekly time sheets to record reading minutes. Recommended reading for grades K-2 is 80 minutes per week, grades 3-5 is 100 minutes, per week. Time sheets need to be returned on Monday, March 7th, 14th, and 21st.
- **Wear It Wednesdays:** Every Wednesday during March students can wear it and read it!
 - o **March 2nd** - Wear a hat with words on it.
 - o **March 9th** - Wear a t-shirt with words or a phrase on it.
 - o **March 16th** - "Be a word" day! Wear a word pinned to the front of your shirt. Pin the definition on the back.
- **Bingo for Books:** Friday, March 4th
- **Student Book Exchange:** Friday, March 4th



- **Fun Friday reading activities planned:**
 - o **March 4** - Dress for Star Wars/Space: Wear clothing to school that depicts your favorite Star Wars character or space character and bring in your favorite Star Wars/space book. No masks please.
 - o **March 11** - Light Saber: Bring a flashlight and your favorite book to school.
- **Unplugged Night:** March 9th
- **Penny Wars:** March 7th-10th. Proceeds will go towards expanding Arno's literacy program.
- **Classroom Door Decorations:** Each classroom will decorate their doors to represent Star Wars/space theme.
- **Class Poster Contest:** Each classroom will decorate 2 informational posters to display throughout the school.
- **School-wide DEAR:** (Drop Everything and Read) Students will read every Tuesday and Thursday morning in their classrooms.
- **Book Commercials:** Different books commercials will be presented during morning announcements.
- **"Caught Reading" Bulletin:** Students will try to "get caught reading" at home and/or school and have their photograph taken and displayed in the hall.
- **Guest Readers:** Throughout March each class will have special guest readers.
- **Teacher Reading Swap:** Teachers will read to different classrooms.
- **Culminating Read-a-Thon:** Monday, March 21st. As a celebration to end MIRM, kids can wear their pjamas and bring in their favorite books/magazines.
- **Author Visit:** Paul Orshoski - March 24th

Thank you in advance for encouraging reading at home. We look forward to a fun-filled reading month!

May the Force Be With You!
~Arno Staff

