



Doolittle School

Summer Reading Challenge

Doolittle School is going all out this year to encourage summer reading. Research shows that reading during the summer has a significant impact on students' reading progress. As always, we will participate in the Governor's Reading Challenge, which is explained in detail on our Doolittle Website. In addition, our entire school is signed up to participate in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge, a free online reading program that invites children to log their reading minutes to help set a new world record for summer reading. The goal is for schools around the world to break last year's reading world record of 176,438,473 minutes! Our Doolittle goal is to add at least 400,000 minutes to the record. This could easily be achieved by each student reading 20 minutes per day at least 5 days per week this summer. We will be kicking off our summer reading challenge at our Town Meeting on the last day of school. Students will be celebrating the benefits of summer reading through song, dance, drama, and written expression. When we come back in the fall we will celebrate everyone's reading achievements. Your child will be bringing home an information sheet along with their reading challenge sheet and a ticket with their username and password for the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge site. Students may also participate in the challenge without going online by keeping track of their minutes throughout the summer and recording the total on their reading challenge sheet at the end of the summer. Participants who return their signed sheet in the fall will receive a certificate of achievement and their names will be placed in a raffle for some reading related prizes donated by our PTA. For more information about this exciting program, log onto www.scholastic.com/summer where you will find many resources for parents including book lists, videos, and helpful hints for summer reading. Copies of information sent home are available on our Doolittle School website. *Scholastic is a commercial site, and although the summer reading challenge program is free, parents should be aware that there may be advertisements on the site for optional purchases.