Dear Monte Gardens Families,

This year, Diablo Basics Parents Club (DBPC) is trying a new fundraiser that has been wildly successful at other schools. Like them, we hope the READ-A-THON will become our main fundraiser and allow our children to raise money for DBPC without selling anything. Instead, we will promote our school’s goal of a love for reading!

The best part of the READ-A-THON is that 100% of the money collected in a READ-A-THON can and will be used at our school for our children. We have made this READ-A-THON easy and fun and we are hoping that everyone will participate to make it a huge success for our school and children.

Here’s how it works - in this packet, your child has been given The Rules for the READ-A-THON, a Sponsorship Form, and Minute Recording Sheet. In fairness to all reading levels, we’ve chosen to count minutes read. The first week of the READ-A-THON (beginning Tuesday, Feb 19th) is when your child will ask people to sponsor them by pledging to pay for each minute that he or she reads or is read to. In addition to paying per minute, many sponsors may choose to pay a set sum when the child reaches their minute goal. Remind your child that relatives, neighbors, friends and even often-frequented businesses make GREAT sponsors!

After obtaining pledges the first week, your child will set a “minutes read” goal for themselves and will begin reading. For the next week (March 1st – March 8th) your child will read and record their minutes daily using the Minutes Recording Sheet located in your child’s Monday envelope. Please initial your child’s recorded time each day. When the reading period ends (Mar 8th), your child will tally up their minutes, collect their pledge money from the sponsors and bring the collected money to school by March 21st. **For every $20 in pledges collected, a reader’s name will be put in a raffle for many great prizes including a Kindle eReader!**

Collect Sponsors starting Feb 19th
Begin reading March 1st thru March 8th
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READ-A-THON Rules

March 1st- 8th

Begin collecting sponsors February 19th. Use your Sponsorship Form to keep track of your sponsors and how much they have pledged to donate.

Start reading and recording your minutes read March 1st

Use your Minute Recording Sheet to keep track of how many minutes you read each day.

READ-A-THON Rules

1. Reading before and after school counts.
2. Reading before the official beginning of the READ-A-Thon does not count.
3. Being read to by other people does count.
4. Reading aloud to the dog, the cat, and the goldfish (or any other pet) does count.
5. Reading in a train, with a fox, in the rain, or on a box does count.
6. Reading aloud to other people does count. If you read to someone who is also participating in the READ-A-THON, it counts for both of you!
7. Reading under the bed covers, with a flashlight, late at night counts (but only if it is okay with your parents).
8. Reading instead of watching TV or playing video games does count.
10. Reading anything, in any language (even cereal boxes) does count.
11. Reading to the elderly, and no that isn’t your Mom & Dad, counts for DOUBLE MINUTES!!!

No guessing or rounding off minutes. Please look at the clock or use a timer or stopwatch to clock your minutes. Please remember that CHARACTER COUNTS- be honest with your minutes so that it will be fair and fun for everyone. Parents must sign off on all minutes logged in the Minute Recording Sheet.

The last day to read for the READ-A-Thon is March 8th. No minutes will be counted after March 8th.

Make sure that you return your Minute Recording Sheet, your Sponsorship Form, and your collected money (checks made payable to DBPC) to school by March 21st.

Students who return their forms by March 21st will receive prizes for participating and for every $20 collected a child’s name will be placed in a raffle to win many great prizes.
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READ-A-THON Sponsorship Form

NAME:_____________________
GRADE:_____
TEACHER:_________________

My goal is to read _____ minutes in 1 week!

Dear Sponsor:

DBPC is introducing a new fundraiser that promotes a love of reading, improves literacy, & raises money for Monte Gardens Parents Club (DBPC). READ-A-THONs are a fantastic way to reinforce good reading habits while simultaneously earning money for our school.

Students are asked to set a goal and read, or be read to, from March 1st thru March 8th. Students will receive prizes for participation and for every $20 collected, a student’s name will be placed in a raffle for great prizes including a Kindle eReader. Thank you for supporting our students’ efforts to reach their goals and our efforts to encourage a life-long love of reading!!

Please make all checks payable to DBPC.

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Return to school by March 21st to be entered in the raffle!
**MONTE GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL’S 2013**

**READ-A-THON Minute Recording Sheet**

**NAME:**___________________  **GRADE:**_____  
**TEACHER:**_________________  **Name of Parent:** ________________

**My goal is to read _____ minutes in 1 week!**

Begin Reading on March 1, 2013

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**Reasonable Reading Goals Per Day**

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