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# 3rd Grade Daily Reading Requirement

## Why every child should read every day

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Milton Elementary School - 3rd Grade - September 6, 2016

### Homework in 3rd Grade: Weeks 1 & 2 (Sept. 7th - 23rd)

- \* Students will be required to read **15 minutes** a night in a book of their choosing.
- \* Students should record the title of the book and the pages read on their reading log.
- \* Parents should sign in the box labeled “Coach’s Signature” each time a child reads.
- \* See the sample log attached to this letter.

### Weeks 3 & 4 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 9th)

- \* Read **20 minutes** per night.
- \* All other procedures remain the same.

### Weeks 5 & 6 (Oct. 10th - 23rd)

- \* Read **25 minutes** per night.
- \* All other procedures remain the same.



### Weeks 7 & 8 (Oct. 24th - Nov. 6th)

- \* Read **30 minutes** per night.
- \* All other procedures remain the same.

### Week 9 through end of year (begins Nov. 7th)

- \* 100 Book Challenge - details to follow as this date gets closer
- \* Students will continue to read **30 minutes** per night.

## Look at What 20 Minutes a Night Will Do

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

**1,800,000 words**



*90<sup>th</sup> percentile*

Student "B"  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day

900 minutes in  
a school year

**282,000 words**



*50<sup>th</sup> percentile*

Student "C"  
reads **1 minute**  
each day

180 minutes in  
a school year

**8,000 words**



*10<sup>th</sup> percentile*

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)