

Read Across America 2012-2013

Approximately 2,554.3 miles from Massachusetts to California



Dear Parents,

This year, in order to support our students and encourage them to read for 20 minutes each night, we are kicking off a school wide initiative that will begin with Governor Deval Patrick's Family Literacy Month in November and culminate with the Read Across America Program celebrated each March.

All you have to do is support your child each evening in reading for 20 minutes. Your child could read their take home decodable book, a book of their choice, a bedtime story to you or, perhaps for some, it might be listening to you reading a bedtime story.

When your child arrives at school the next day s/he will record a tally mark for reading the required 20 minutes the previous night. It's as simple as that.

Classroom totals will be calculated and the total number of "miles" per classroom recorded. This is a school wide initiative so we will then calculate the total number of "miles" the school reads each week and plot our progress on maps located in each building dining room. Our goal is to visit the capital city in each of our 50 states by March.

We're hoping to teach our students an important lesson that Dr. Seuss taught us long ago: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – [Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!](#)

As always, thank you for your support.

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