

SIGNAL HILL PTA

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PICK A READING PARTNER: UNDER THE SEA



Dear Parents,

One of the most important skills our children learn is reading. We all want our children to develop good reading habits. Reading, like other skills requires practice. School cannot provide enough practice alone. Your help is needed, as well.

Pick A Reading Partner, better known as PARP, is a program that asks partners to read with their children for at least fifteen minutes daily. The goal of PARP is to foster a child's love for reading. Fifteen minutes a day can make a big difference in your child's attitude towards reading. It exposes your child to new vocabulary, helps in comprehension, and introduces your child to new ideas, new places, and new things. It is one of the most important things you can do for your child.

The choice of reading materials can vary from books to anything with printed words. The daily activity of reading together strengthens reading and communication skills in the child and also the partner/child relationship.

Partners can be parents, grandparents, older siblings and family friends that are able to devote 15 minutes or longer to read with your child. Your child can read to them or their partner can read to them.

Along with this letter your family has been given the following:

1. **Reading Contract:** This contract should be signed by your child and his reading partner. Once signed the contract should be return to your child's teacher.
2. **Book:** Every Signal Hill Student will receive one free book courtesy of the Signal Hill PTA. This book can be used for PARP activities or your child may choose to read other material during PARP.
3. **Calendar & Log:** Everyday that your child and their partner read together please log in the information on the calendar and sign. On Friday January 25th please have your child return the completed logs to their teacher for a prize.
4. **Activity Sheets:** Provides you information about the activities your child will participate in during PARP. This activity sheet also offers additional activities that your family can do during PARP.

We hope you and your family have fun participating in PARP

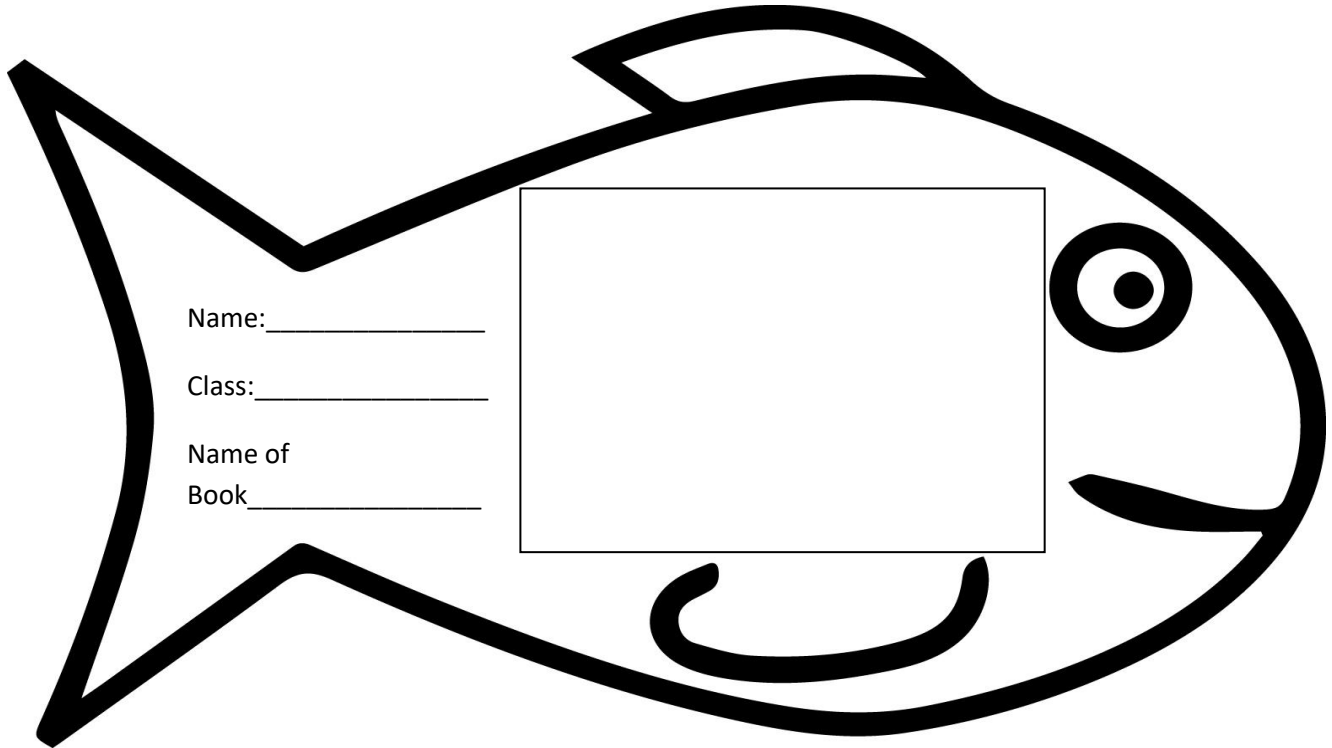
Sincerely,

The PARP Committee

Picture Time

Due: By Friday, January 18th

Take a picture or have someone take a picture of you reading your favorite book. Then glue the picture to your fish below in the square. If you do not want to take a picture then draw a picture of yourself reading or draw the cover of your favorite book inside of the square on your fish. Do not forget to color your fish and cut it out. Please return your completed, cut-out fish project to your teacher.



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READING CONTRACT



I, _____, agree to read _____ minutes a day during PARP. I will either read to a family member or have my partner read to me. (If you are a fifth grader you may read independently.) I will try my best to read every day. If I happen to miss a day I will make up missed reading minutes on the following day. I will record my reading minutes each day on the PARP reading log and have my parent or reading partner initial my log.

Parent Name & Signature

Student Name & Signature

Please return this contract to your teacher as soon as possible!

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Monday, January 14th

Parent Contracts with PARP Bags Go Home

PARP committee will be sending home PARP activity bag. This bag includes parent contract, PARP activities and a free book for each child.

Tuesday, January 15th

Unplug Day!!

Students will try to go 24 hours without TV or video games. If students have not started reading their book today is a good day to begin.

Wednesday, January 16th

Picture Time: Let's go fishing

Each child will work on the fish project that is in the bag. Students can have their PARP partner take a picture of them during a reading activity. If a student is unable to take a picture during a reading activity they can draw a picture of themselves reading a book or draw the cover of their favorite book. Please bring finish cut-out fish to school.

Thursday, January 17th

Community Reader Day

Community Leaders will visit Signal Hill School to read to the students. Students should come to school ready to listen to a good story.

Friday, January 18th

Read My T-Shirt Day

Please have you child attend school wearing a T-Shirt that has writing on it.

Saturday & Sunday

Dive into a Book

Each child should continue to read the book.

Monday, January 21

Keep on Reading

Students should continue to read their books.

Tuesday, January 22nd

Catch a Reader Day

During the day children will earn prizes if a SH Staff member catches them reading. Students should bring a book and be ready to read.

Wednesday, January 23rd

Bookmark Day / Book Fair

Each child should have received a book mark in their PARP bag. Students should bring in their completed bookmarks today.

Remember the book fair begins today!

Thursday, January 24th

Talk About You Book Day / Literacy Night

Talk about your book today. Tell you classmates and teacher about the book you have been reading.

Book Fair Today!

Do not forget to come to Literacy Night!!!

Friday, January 25th

Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character

Teachers and students will dress like their favorite book characters. Please no face mask or play weapons.

Last Day for the Book Fair!