



Dear Parents and Students:

The annual St. Mary School Read-A-Thon is back!! The Read-A-Thon will take place from **March 1st-March 12th** with the focus on our all day reading session here at school on Friday, March 12th. However, we are asking that students also read at home as well. We have a great program that will benefit from this year's proceeds. All of the money raised will go towards the purchase of **Interactive SMART Boards!!** We hope to raise enough money to help offset the purchase cost of one for each classroom. We are asking that every student participate as fully as possible and that you support our goal by helping the students collect their donation money.

The attached pledge sheet has some more information on it as well. You will notice that pledges can be made by the number of hours read or simply with a flat pledge amount, for example, \$5.00. There is also space for each student to record the number of hours read over the two-week span. We ask that a parent initial each recorded amount of time as well. The teacher will initial for the time read at school on March 12th.

On Friday, March 12th, students are permitted to wear sweats, jeans, or other appropriate casual clothes and to bring pillows, blankets, and stuffed animals so they may be as comfortable as possible for our reading marathon.

We ask that all pledges and donations be collected and brought to school by **Wednesday, March 17th**. The money should be placed in a sealed envelope with the student's name and grade and turned in to the teacher.

This is a **GREAT** opportunity for all of us to work together on a project that will directly benefit our students now and in the future. THANK YOU for your support!!

Mr. Lipinski

