**Cascade Ridge Eager Reader 2022**

Eager Reader is back!! We are so happy to bring Eager Reader back for 2022. The Eager Reader Program is an optional reading program sponsored by the PTSA. It is designed to encourage students to read for their enjoyment outside of school. By earning prizes along the way, students and parents have a fun incentive to participate and connect through the shared pleasure of reading. As students reach certain goals, they will be rewarded with great prizes! ***Eager Reader will run from January 17, 2022 to February 13, 2022.***

You will find instructions on how to log minutes online in this packet. Please help your child read through the instructions and log their reading minutes by clicking on the Eager Reader link on the PTSA website [www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org) (you do not need to be a PTSA member or donate to the PTSA to participate in the Eager Reader program). **Prizes will be delivered weekly on Mondays beginning January 24. Minutes must be logged by 7 PM each week on Sunday and approved by a parent to count.**

Students can expect to reach a new prize level by reading the minutes listed on the prize grid below. Keep in mind these goals are aimed at a broad group. Children will achieve the levels at different times. Remember to count minutes your student reads on his/her own and/or with a grown-up.

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| Week | Target minutes   K-2nd Grade | Target Minutes   3rd-5th Grade | Prizes Awarded |
| Week 1:  1/17-1/23 | 120 | 180 | Pencil and Bookmark |
| Week 2:  1/24-1/30 | 240 cumulative | 360 cumulative | Popcorn |
| Week 3:  1/31-2/6 | 360 cumulative | 540 cumulative | PNW Sticker |
| Week 4:  2/7-2/13 | 480 cumulative | 720 cumulative | Book |
| Bookworm Level | 840 cumulative | 1,080 cumulative | Chance to win Brick & Mortar Gift Card |

Minutes assume 6 days per week, 20 per day K-2nd, 30 per day 3rd-5th

**\*\*The bookworm level assumes an extra 15 minutes per day for each grade level\*\***

***The bookworm level is an optional challenge level*** to encourage continued reading.  All students who achieve this level will have their name entered in a drawing for a chance to win a $20.00 Brick & Mortar Book Store gift card.  Once the bookworm level is achieved, the students need to continue to read 90 minutes per week to ensure that their name continues to be entered weekly.  Two bookworms per grade will be drawn as winners.

Please remember to record only minutes that have been read outside of the classroom.  You may count any classroom assigned reading that is done outside of the classroom in addition to any reading for general enjoyment.

The PTSA is relying on our very dedicated parent Room Coordinator volunteers this year to work with teachers to distribute prizes to students in the classroom. The Room Coordinators have access to all of the prizes and check their classes reading logs on Sunday night to see who will get prizes on Monday morning. If you would like to help, reach out to your student’s Room Coordinator. They could use an extra hand.

**Entering Your Eager Reader Minutes Online**

We will be entering all our reading minutes online. Please make sure your Cascade Ridge PTSA account is active and you have assigned teachers to your students on your PTSA profile. You do not need to be a PTSA member or donate to the PTSA to log minutes on the website and participate in the Eager Reader program. You will not be able to enter your child’s minutes until they are associated with a teacher in your PTSA profile. If you have any questions or do not have access to a computer and the internet at home, please contact the Eager Reader Chair, Janna Sadulla at [eagerreader@cascaderidgeptsa.org](mailto:eagerreader@cascaderidgeptsa.org).

**Student Instructions**:

Please record your minutes at home if you can. Ask your parents for permission to use a home computer, laptop, or tablet to enter your Eager Reader minutes. Also ask them to watch as you do it the first time so they can help you as needed.

* Open a web browser (internet explorer, Google Chrome, Firefox, or Safari). Go to the PTSA website at CascadeRidgePTSA.org and click on the “Eager Reader Student Entry” link.
* When you are prompted for the student password, type in green and press “Next”.
* Enter your first and last name and choose your grade and teacher.
* Now you will see your reading log! Enter the minutes that you read each day, and press “Save.”
* The minutes you entered will show up as ‘Pending.” This means that we are waiting for your parents to approve them. Your parents will get an email asking them to approve your minutes. Remind them to open the email and approve your minutes. If they are not approved by your parents, they will not count!
* You can visit your online reading log as often as you wish during the week to enter additional minutes. All of your minutes for the week must be entered and approved by **Sunday evening at 7 pm** to receive prizes for that week! If you miss this deadline, your minutes will be counted the following week.

**Parent Instructions:**

To approve minutes that your child entered:

We encourage students to record their own minutes if possible. **But you must APPROVE their minutes in order for them to count.** When your student enters their minutes, you will get an email asking for your approval.

* The email you receive will contain a link for you to click on. This link will take you to the PTSA website to approve your child’s minutes.
* When you arrive at the PTSA website, you will need to sign in using your email address and PTSA password. If you have forgotten your password, click the “Forgot your password?” link.
* You will see all of your students listed. Click on one of them to go to their reading log.
* Check the “Approve” boxes next to the minutes that you wish to approve, and press Save.
* Weekly reading minutes **must be approved by Sunday evening at 7 pm in order to count!** If you miss this deadline, your child’s minutes may be counted the following week and their prizes may be awarded the following week.

To enter minutes for your child:

If your student is too young to use a computer, you may enter his/her minutes for them.

* Go to the PTSA website at CascadeRidgePTSA.org and click on the “Eager Reader Parent Entry” Link.
* You will need to sign in using your email address and PTSA password. If you have forgotten your password, click the “Forgot your password?” link.
* You will see all of your students listed.
* Enter their minutes and press SAVE. These minutes are automatically considered to be “approved.”
* Weekly reading minutes **must be approved by Sunday evening at 7 pm in order to count!** If you miss this deadline, your child’s minutes may be counted the following week and their prizes may be awarded the following week.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

***Do we have to participate?***

No. Eager Reader is an optional program.

***Can my child record minutes if I read to him/her?***

Yes. No matter what grade your child is in, you may record minutes you read to him/her.

***Do minutes read in the classroom count?***

No. Minutes read during classroom time do not count. The program is designed to encourage students to read on a regular basis and not just in the classroom.

***Do minutes read on a Kindle, Nook, iPad or other electronic reading device count?***

Absolutely! Count these minutes just as you would with any other paper book!

***Do you get credit for listening to audio books?***

No. Eager Reader is an incentive reading program and we would like to have a book present. Either your child reads independently or with another person who is reading to them.

***What if we forget to log/approve minutes by Sunday at 7pm?***

If minutes are not entered and approved by Sunday at 7pm for a given week, the minutes will not count for that week. However, the minutes will be counted in the following week after they are approved by a parent.

***Who receives the email if my student logs his/her own minutes?***

All parents who are listed in the PTSA website account for a particular child will receive the notification emails, and any of those parents will be able to login and approve the minutes for that child.

***How long after my child enters his/her minutes does it take for the parent to receive the email?***

Parents will receive an email within 24 hours of when their child has entered the minutes. However, parents do not have to wait for the email to arrive to approve the minutes. They can just go directly to the PTSA website at any time to approve minutes.

***Can my child start participating after the program has begun?***

Absolutely! There are prizes all along the way during the 4 week period. So even if your child is unable to earn a prize for each level, he or she may be able to complete a few prize levels before the end of the program.

***What kind of books can my child earn through this program?***

All the books cover a wide range of interests and reading levels. This year, lightly used books will be donated through a book swap, also coordinated by the PTSA. A child may select a book from whatever is available. Volunteers will be able to assist your child in making their selection. Book selection will be the week of February 14.

***What happens if my child doesn’t receive the correct prize?***

Please reach out to your student’s Room Coordinator. Mistakes happen occasionally, but we try to correct them immediately, so no one is disappointed.

***Who pays for Eager Reader?***

The PTSA supports the program by purchasing prizes and organizing volunteers to distribute the prizes. We may supplement the prize list with donations from local businesses. We appreciate our parents thanking sponsors when they cash in the prizes.