

## Mitchell Road Elementary School Read 100,000

Mitchell Road Elementary wants to encourage our students to read because good readers achieve greater success! Therefore, during the months of November, December, January, February, and March a calendar will be sent home for you to help your child track his or her nightly reading. Here at school teachers of each grade level will record the sum of minutes read each month. Our goal is to read 100,000 minutes as a school during this five-month period.

## Here's What You Do

**Students:** Record your number of minutes read Monday-Thursday on the calendar each week.

**Parents:** After your child has recorded the number of minutes he or she read, initial the corresponding box on the calendar.

### 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)

