



Tesago Library and Tesago PTA present:

PARP 2012: Building a Community of Readers

January 3rd – March 23rd



Tesago's popular Parents as Reading Partners program is here once again! Our annual reading challenge encourages children to discover the joy of reading by making it a daily family activity. PARP strengthens the bond between school and home and also improves family reading habits. To take part in the PARP program, students read **every day** for at least 15 minutes with parents, friends, or family members. The challenge begins the first week of January and goes through the second-to-last week of March.

We've created a webpage to keep all the PARP information organized. This page will have information about all of our programs and events, as well as extra bookmarks to help you keep track of reading time.

Get to the PARP page from the Tesago Library Media Center homepage at:

<http://www.shenet.org/tesago/mediacenter/mcmain.htm>

In January, all of our students will receive a gift book from PTA to begin their PARP challenge with excitement. Receiving these gift books is a great way to kick off three months of reading - thanks PTA! Once you have read your gift book, consider donating it to the Book Sale in March or giving it to your child's classroom library so that more children can enjoy it.

Join us for our exciting PARP events:

- ☺ **K-2 PJ Story Night** – Students in Kindergarten through second grade are invited to join us in the café on Thursday, **January 12th** from 6-7pm. Wear your pajamas and bring a comfy blanket so you can cuddle up and listen to some amazing stories from Diane Payette (a.k.a. Grandma Tippytoes), our classroom teachers and Ms. Pierce.
- ☺ **Battle of the Books** – Our popular book trivia competition is back on Thursday, **February 16th** at 6pm in the café. Join us for the fun as teachers, parents and students form teams and answer questions based on the books Tesago kids are reading. Last year the students were the winners...who will win this year??
- ☺ **Family Library Night** – Thursday **March 22nd** from 6-8:15pm. Come to our annual celebration of reading with your whole family. Compete in the ever popular *Classroom Window Scavenger Hunt*, explore the library media center and participate in fun activities. This year we will also be hosting a *Book Sale* in the cafeteria during Library Night. Donate books in good condition (preschool – adult titles) in the lobby from January to March. Then stop by the cafeteria on Family Library Night to pick up some new ones for only 25 cents each!

Be on the lookout for more PARP information posted on the Tesago Online Bulletin Board, Library Media Center webpage and sent home via SIS.

Any questions? Please contact Ms. Pierce at pierkath@shenet.org

Remember to read together every day! You could try:

- 📖 Asking older siblings to read to younger ones
- 📖 Asking your student to read to you while dinner is being prepared
- 📖 Listening to an audiobook in the car
- 📖 Visiting the public library together to look for books
- 📖 Reading to your pet!

