

Ducks, Detectives, and Unicorns: It's NWCA Read-A-Thon Time Again!

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It's Read-A-Thon time at NWCA in March and April. Students are busy logging their reading hours reading Chinese books, English books, and a fun mix of other languages that our students speak at home. Que bueno!

Toby Stadler and I were lucky enough to participate in last Friday's Drop Everything and Read time, a special time set aside to let the kids read and to show how fun reading can be. Toby and I read stories to the Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten students and had a lot of fun watching them enjoy the books, participate, and laugh. Toby read about ducks, and I read about my favorite detective, Nate the Great. He's an awesome Hercules-Poirot-in-training who loves solving mysteries and eating pancakes. There was a lot of quacking and clue gathering, and we all had a good time.

The Read-A-Thon is a great opportunity to give kids the lifelong gift of loving to read. Students can read in any language, though Miss Anita pointed out that Pig Latin probably wouldn't count. She also pointed out that she wasn't sure how many people would get that joke. Google it for fun! But no matter what language, students can read any book they are interested in--no matter the subject, it counts and keeps them interested in language and reading. At one point it seemed like my kids only wanted to read books about unicorns. Luckily, books about unicorns are a magical way to log some Read-A-Thon reading minutes!

The younger students can collect their reading minutes by listening to a parent read or--even better--by having an older sibling read to them. Every minute counts, whether a student is reading or listening! The Beaverton Library is celebrating space exploration with activities and book recommendations around space right now! And you can keep kids reading past the spring and into the summer with their fun summer reading program. You can find a subject you'd love to share with your kids and check out lots of books or take some time to read them together in the children's section of the library.

Finding books at home or the library or by swapping with friends will make the Read-A-Thon even more fun! So dig up those old Dr. Seuss books or introduce your kid to Choose-Your-Own-Adventures or just sit back and accept that unicorns are really popular right now. Have a great Read-A-Thon 2018!

