SMFC Education Foundation
Readathon 2024
Teacher/Staff Readathon FAQ Sheet

1. **What is the SMFC Education Foundation (SMFCEF) Readathon?** The SMFCEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves ALL students enrolled in the San Mateo-Foster City School District (SMFCSD). This is the 8th annual Readthon! Funds raised from the Reathon will go to support music, STEAM programming, and so much more for our staff and students. Visit our https://www.smfcedfund.org/readathon for more information.

2. **Does the Readathon count as a fundraiser for my school PTA?** The SMFCEF and your school site PTA are different nonprofits and fund different things, but they are both essential to a strong school community. The Readathon donations will support programs for ALL students in the SMFCSD.

3. **When will the Readathon begin and end?** You can register your students anytime, but logging of reading minutes begins on Friday, January 19th. All reading minutes must be logged by end of day on Friday, February 2nd.

4. **Can I enter reading minutes for my students?** Yes. Teachers may now enter reading minutes for their students is they choose to (this is not a requirement). See these instructions to enter reading minutes for your students.

5. **Why do I see some student's names listed twice, or more than once?** These students have probably been registered by their parents/caregivers and their teacher. If you see a student's name listed more than once simply email us at readathon@smfcedfund.org and we will merge the student accounts.

6. **Can my student(s) log their own reading minutes?** Yes. Your students can log their own reading minutes but they must have the username/email address and password that was used by their parent/caregiver to register. They cannot use their SMFCSD email address for security reasons.

7. **Can my student(s) use their school/SMFCSD email addresses to register?** No. For security reasons only personal email addresses may be used to register students.

8. **Can I get paper reading logs?** Yes. This is the paper reading log we have created.

9. **What counts as reading minutes?** All reading minutes during and outside school hours count! Minutes spent listening to audiobooks and books read aloud to your students count as reading minutes. Watching TV does not count as reading minutes.

10. **Is there a maximum number of minutes?** Yes.The reading minutes will be capped at 500 minutes/daily per student.

11. **Do my student(s) have to collect donations to participate?** No. You can still register your students to track reading minutes, but they do not have to seek donations. Several prizes/rewards are based on reading minutes.

12. **When are donations due?** Donations are due at the end of the day on Sunday, February 4th.

13. **What are the Readathon rewards/prizes?** Yes! Your students may earn rewards for their school, classroom, and themselves. Visit https://www.smfcedfund.org/readathon for a list or rewards. Note, teachers who register and record minutes for their classroom by Friday, January 26 will be entered into a raffle for gift cards to The Reading Bug!