

September 1, 2026–March 31, 2027

Phoebe Hearst is kick off Home Run Reader registration on Friday 8/21/2026, and students can begin to track their minutes from September through March.

What is it?



Home Run Reader is our school-wide reading incentive program that will run **September 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026**. Students log the number of minutes they read outside of school per month. (Note: First grade students will be able to log minutes on a weekly basis to coincide with your 1st grade teacher's reading program.) This five-level tiered, reading incentive program comes with rewards...the more you read, the more you win! The program culminates with an annual prize distribution for all students who have submitted minutes in the provided grade-level Google Forms. We celebrate with a school wide Home Run Reader Night on the lawn at the River Cats game. The River Cats game is typically scheduled in April or May, on a Friday or Saturday. We will confirm the date and more details as it gets closer.

	<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>1st Grade</i>	<i>2nd Grade</i>	<i>3rd Grade</i>	<i>4th Grade</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>	<i>6th Grade</i>
<i>Keep Reading</i>	<2,100 minutes	<2,800 minutes	<3,500 minutes	<4,200 minutes	<4,900 minutes	<4,900 minutes	<4,900 minutes
<i>Single</i>	2,100 minutes (~300/mo)	2,800 minutes (~400/mo)	3,500 minutes (~500/mo)	4,200 minutes (~600/mo)	4,900 minutes (~700/mo)	4,900 minutes (~700/mo)	4,900 minutes (~700/mo)
<i>Double</i>	2,800 minutes (~400/mo)	3,500 minutes (~500/mo)	4,200 minutes (~600/mo)	4,900 minutes (~700/mo)	5,600 minutes (~800/mo)	5,600 minutes (~800/mo)	5,600 minutes (~800/mo)
<i>Triple</i>	3,500 minutes (~500/mo)	4,200 minutes (~600/mo)	4,900 minutes (~700/mo)	5,600 minutes (~800/mo)	6,300 minutes (~900/mo)	6,300 minutes (~900/mo)	6,300 minutes (~900/mo)
<i>Home Run</i>	4,200 minutes (~600/mo)	4,900 minutes (~700/mo)	5,600 minutes (~800/mo)	6,300 minutes (~900/mo)	7,000 minutes (~1000/mo)	7,000 minutes (~1000/mo)	7,000 minutes (~1000/mo)

What's new?

Based on program participant feedback, we have made adjustments to the program in recent years:

- We will be asking readers to [register to participate](#). More information is listed below on how to register.
- In 2025-2026 we introduced a new due date with Monthly Minute submission, and they are to be submitted on the 5th of the following month. For example, to submit the monthly total for September, minutes should be submitted using the “Monthly Minutes-Google Form” by October 5th. For October minutes, they are due November 5th and so on.
- Based on family feedback, we will send out calendar invites of monthly minute due dates to all registered users who opt-in for the reminders.
- To be eligible for monthly recognition, and for top reader recognition for the overall program readers must submit by the 5th of the following month.

Who?

All students are encouraged to participate. Turn in your monthly logs online to earn prizes!

Why?

Phoebe Hearst students have a proven track record of excellent reading skills. These skills should be rewarded! Students will also be motivated to take their reading to the next level.

How do we turn in logs?

In recent years, we ask readers to register to participate. After registering, the reader's name will be listed in the drop-down menu in the "Monthly Minutes Google Form". To register, use this registration form: [Home Run Reader Registration](#).

Readers can register anytime during the 6-month program. Ideally registration is submitted before the end of the month so that the student's name appears "Monthly Minutes Google Form" in a timely manner. Parent volunteers manually update the Google forms and tally data, and we ask for your patience and understanding.

Each grade will have their own "Monthly Minutes Google Form" to submit their monthly totals. Readers may print out the optional paper log, to conveniently log minutes at home. After the monthly reading is complete, readers (with the help of their parents/guardians) must submit their monthly totals on the Google Form by the 5th day of the following month. **Note this may be different from previous years**, depending when you previously participated in Home Run Reader.

Here's a list of the due dates for the current school year:

Reading Month	Minutes Due Date
September	Tuesday, October 5th

Reading Month	Minutes Due Date
October	Friday, November 5th
November	Sunday, December 5th
December	Wednesday, January 5th
January	Saturday, February 5th
February	Sunday, March 5th
March	Wednesday, April 5th

Prize and Recognition Eligibility:

To qualify for monthly recognition top reader status, and top reader program-end recognition (ie. School Wide Top 22), minutes must be submitted by the 5th of the following month.

All readers who participate are eligible for prizes based on the minutes that are read and submitted.



Beginning in September:

1. Log your daily minutes on the Daily Reading Log Calendar, which you can print at home via the Downloadable Logs below.
2. Input and submit your total monthly minutes by the 5th of the following month using grade-level Google Monthly Minutes forms. These will be published in the coming weeks.

Prizes

We'll distribute prizes the week of the game to reward students for their minutes read during the program (Oct.-Mar.). To be eligible, [submit your reading minutes](#) using the grade level Google forms listed above by the 5th day of the following month. You may choose to use the reading logs provided below to track minutes recommended for each month to meet your end of program reading goals. Minutes can be tracked in any method of your liking, but the end of month totals are required to be submitted.

Questions or volunteer opportunity requests? Please email homerunreader@gmail.com.

Downloadable Logs (Available by September 1st):

September

[PDF](#)

[DOC](#)

October

[PDF](#)

[DOC](#)

November	PDF	DOC
December	PDF	DOC
January	PDF	DOC
February	PDF	DOC
March	PDF	DOC

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Questions? Interested in volunteering with this program? Please email homerunreader@gmail.com

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