

MB Parents – a message from our awesome PTA,

As a PTA we are excited about reading, and about reading together as families! Research shows that when families read together, learning happens and memories are made that last a lifetime. Today at school, each child got to pick out a free book from the PTA to add to your home library. Ask them to show you what they picked!

To celebrate reading, the PTA is having a contest. Take a picture of your family reading together and share it on Instagram or Facebook with the #MeadowbrookReads. On April 21st we will randomly choose 3 winners to receive a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble. Follow our Instagram or Facebook accounts for information on how to receive an additional entry.

What you do at home makes a difference! Read together, let your children see you reading, and you will help them become a life-long reader. For ideas on how to help your child read, check out these free resources from the National PTA:

- **Consonant Toss** Grades K-2: Toss tokens on a game board to practice saying words with consonants and deepen students' understanding about **phonics** or the relationship between sounds and letters so that they may better decode and read words.
- **On Safari Game** Grades K-2: Reinforce reading skills at home using this daily reading activity gameboard.
- **Definition Expedition** Grades K-5: Learn how **technology**, such as an e-reader, can help to improve **vocabulary**. **Picture the Character** Grades K-5: Demonstrate **comprehension** by drawing and labeling a picture of your favorite character from a book.
- **Punctuation Toss** Grades K-5: Toss tokens onto a punctuation game board to practice fluency, or the ability to read text quickly, accurately and with proper expression.
 - **Under the Sea Game** Grades 3-5: Reinforce reading skills at home using this daily reading activity gameboard.
- **Compound Construction** Grades 3-5: Race to write all of the compound words you know!

We love our students at Meadowbrook Elementary. Go Mustangs!

The Meadowbrook PTA