



## **PICK A READING PARTNER • FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 31**

Dear Okte Family,

We're thrilled to introduce you to Pick a Reading Partner (PARP), a fantastic reading program proudly sponsored by the Okte PTA. The PARP program brings parents or any special person in a child's life together to help foster a love for reading in children.

- Our theme for this year is "Leap Into Reading!" We're kicking off the program on Thursday, February 29 (Leap Day!), and it will run until Sunday, March 31, 2024.

### **Let's use PARP to discuss the vital role reading plays in our families and homes.**

- Share your favorite authors and characters. Talk about how you choose books (or magazines, newspapers, websites, etc.) and what makes them your favorite.
- Explore other PARP activities like:
  - Playing reading-based games (trivia, Bananagrams, Scrabble, etc.).
  - Researching and reading about shared interests.
  - Learning new things together online.

The important thing is that your student is picking a reading partner and feels like reading is fun during each chosen activity.

- Students are asked to **participate in any reading activity with a partner on your Reading Log for 21 days** during the PARP program period (February 29 -March 31.) Remember to jot down the reading activity and partner on the attached PARP Reading Log.
- If your student **completes 21 days of reading with a partner (from February 29 -March 31), they can pick a book from our special PARP book prize collection!** Let us know which book you'd like on your PARP Reading Log.
- Have an adult **sign and return your PARP Reading Logs to the school or submit them through our Google Form along with a photo by April 12** using this link: <https://bit.ly/OktePARPLog2024>

Thank you for your participation, and I hope everyone enjoys leaping into reading with a partner.

Lindsey Wienberg  
PARP Coordinator

P.S. Any reading activity counts for PARP!

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## READING IDEAS

Use one of these reading ideas or come up with your own. Any type of reading counts for PARP.

- Visit the public or a little library and read a book there!
- Read with a stuffed animal or a pet.
- Read the lyrics from your favorite song.
- Read to someone younger or older than you.
- Read in your pajamas.
- Read aloud while taking a short drive.
- Read by flashlight!
- Read with your partner in a fort!
- Read in the bathtub (no water!)
- Beach Party! Read on a towel or a blanket.
- Read a poem.
- Read about a place you want to visit.
- Dr. Seuss' birthday is in March. Read a Dr. Seuss book.
- Play a word game such as Wordle, Scrabble, Mad Libs, or Boggle.
- Take turns reading. You read a page to your partner. Then, your partner reads a page.
- Read a book about the seasons to celebrate Spring starting in March.
- Read jokes from a book or a website!
- Read a book with a title that starts with a letter in your first name.
- Read a recipe and then make something yummy for your family.
- Read while having a snack.
- Make reading an experience. For example, read a book about animals then take a trip to a zoo or aquarium.
- Read out loud with silly voices.
- Read while waiting for something.
- Read a magazine or a newspaper.
- Read the instructions for your favorite game, then play!
- Read a non-fiction book.
- Read in your favorite place in your home.
- Read outside!
- Take a walk and read the street signs along the way.
- Read to someone over Facetime, Zoom or Google Meet.
- Read a book or magazine with Shen colors (green or white) on the cover.
- Read a book that was made into a movie, then watch the movie!
- Read anything, anytime, anywhere!

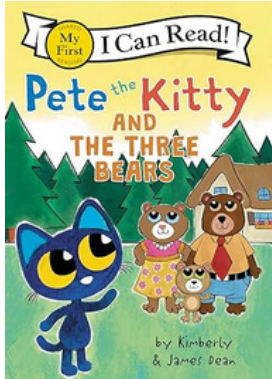


# PICK A READING PARTNER PRIZE BOOKS

Earn a special PARP prize when you participate in the PARP reading program!

- Students who complete 21 reading sessions (from February 29 to March 31) with a partner qualify for one of the PARP prize books listed below.
- Please write the book title you would like on the Pick A Reading Partner reading log.
- **Return** your Pick A Reading Partner reading log **to your teacher by April 12th** or you can submit your form at <https://bit.ly/OktePARPLog2024>.

## Pete the Kitty and the Three Bears



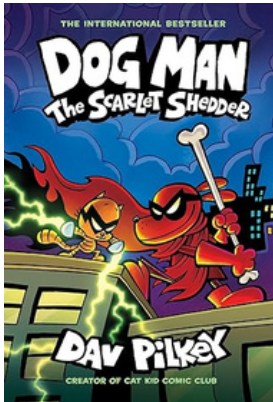
Once upon a time, there was a kitty named Pete who came upon a house in the forest. He goes in, eats pizza, plays guitar, and falls asleep. But what happens when three bears come home?

## The Couch Potato



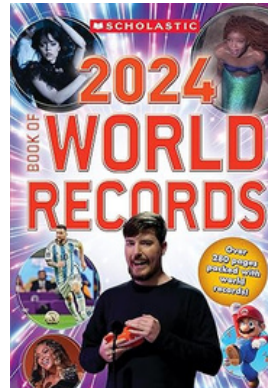
The Couch Potato doesn't have to move from the sunken couch cushion. But when the electricity goes out, Couch Potato is forced venture outside. Could fresh air and sunshine possibly be better than the views on screen?

## Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder



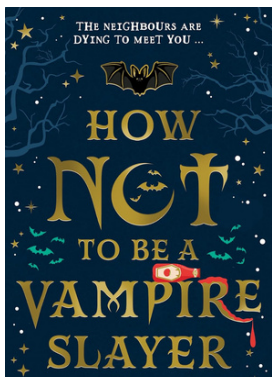
P.U.! Dog Man got sprayed by a skunk! Even after a tomato juice bath, the stink is gone but he's still red. Now, he's banished. Can he save the city? Will Petey turn to crime to help him? And who will stop the new villain and their A.I. robots?

## Scholastic Book of World Records 2024



Explore the coolest world records and craziest trends of the year! From science and sports to music and movies, you'll find it all here. Learn about deadly frogs, super athletes, T-rex fossils, and Instagram stars like Grumpy Cat and Selena Gomez.

## How Not To Be A Vampire Slayer



The new girl, Maggie, 11, moves to Goreway with her parents and loves spooky stuff. Maggie makes friends with a young vampire named Sharptooth Shadow and her bat buddy, Bat-Ears. But when she learns she's a vampire slayer, will their friendship survive?

## I Survived the Great Alaska Earthquake, 1964



It's 1964, Jack, who's 11, lives in Alaska. He grows up in an off-grid cabin with grizzlies and wolves as neighbors, and dark winter days were 30 degrees below zero. Jack had always thought of himself as strong, but then the most powerful earthquake in American history -- struck.

# PICK A READING PARTNER READING LOG

FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 31, 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Prize Title: \_\_\_\_\_

See the back for Prize Book options.

### Directions:

- Read 21 times between February 29 - March 31. Write the reading activity and partner's name on the date. Remember, any reading activity counts!
- Once you complete at least 21 days of reading, take a picture of this form and fill out the Google form at <https://bit.ly/OktePARPLog2024> or bring this reading log back to school with your name, parent's signature, and teacher's name by April 12. Remember to select your book prize.
- Once you have completed 21 days of reading, you can send your form into school or complete the Google form.

**Return this form to your teacher by April 12th, or take a picture of this log and fill out the Google form at <https://bit.ly/OktePARPLog2024>.**

Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
Read 21 times before March 31st. Send in your form by April 12th into school or online <a href="https://bit.ly/OktePARPLog2024">https://bit.ly/OktePARPLog2024</a>				February 29	March 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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