

Announcing the FIRST St. Thomas More  
CATCH A TIGER BY THE TALE  
READ-A-THON

Turn the television off, put away the game boys, give the computer a rest and ...READ,  
READ, READ!!!!

**When:** October 11-25, 2010

**What:** St. Thomas More CATCH A TIGER BY THE TALE Read-A-Thon, a fundraiser for our PTO and a school-wide reading competition.

**How:** Students will gather sponsors who will make a donation based upon how much they read or are read to during the two week period. Sponsor booklets will come home on Monday, October 4. Students will read every chance they get during the two weeks of the Read-A-Thon and write down each book on the Reading Log. We will have lots of contests and promotions in school as well. We will also recognize the top readers by grade and the top classes. There will be suggested reading lists in the classroom, library, and on the website but any age appropriate books count. While this is inherently a fundraiser for the school, **students are rewarded based upon how much they read, not how much they earn.** More details to follow.

**Ways to Help:**

- First and foremost, we need your help to encourage your child to read, read, and read some more.
- Sponsor your child if possible at whatever level you feel comfortable. This program will replace some of the previous fundraisers for the school so we will not be coming back to you often! Sponsor books will be coming home in October.
- If you have contacts with age appropriate incentives or literary connections, please let us know. We are not using an outside management company so that **100% of the proceeds go directly to STM.** That also means we need to source 100% of the programming and prizes.
- Each classroom will have a Read-A-Thon Coordinator (s). Get your MORE Love hours in early this year. This person will help share the Read-A-Thon information at the class level and help tally the points. If you are interested, please e-mail Catherine Markwalter or Liz Bucko or sign up at Meet the Teacher.

Many thanks in advance to parents who encourage participation in this project – one that helps develop a love of reading, while raising funds for our school! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Read-A-Thon co-chairs, Liz Bucko at [lizabucko@gmail.com](mailto:lizabucko@gmail.com) or Catherine Markwalter at [cmarkwalter@gmail.com](mailto:cmarkwalter@gmail.com).