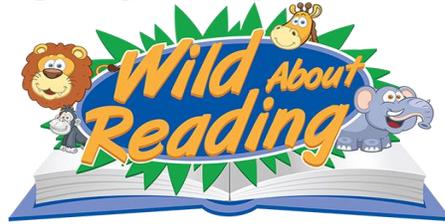


St. Anna Catholic School

# BOOKS and BEYOND



## Program Information 2019-2020

Books and Beyond is a PTO sponsored literacy incentive program for students in PreK-3 through 3rd Grade. It is an "outside of school" reading program, designed to motivate young students to read beyond the classroom. The ultimate goal of the program is to encourage a life-long love of reading!

This year's program will run from Friday, November 1, 2019 to Thursday, April 30, 2020.

Students read, then record books on the tally sheets provided and earn prizes. Tally sheets can be found on the school website under Parents' Corner --> PTO--> Books and Beyond, or emailed from the Books & Beyond Classroom Coordinator, or teacher, upon request. The Classroom Coordinator is a parent volunteer who visits the classroom regularly (typically weekly) throughout the program to collect tally sheets, hand out prizes, update the classroom chart, and read a story to the class. Parents are encouraged to sign up with the Classroom Coordinator to visit the classroom as "guest readers". (Note: All Classroom Coordinators and Guest Readers must be on the school's "approved volunteer list" by completing the safe environment training, fingerprinting, and CORI check.) Please notify your Books & Beyond Classroom Coordinator or teacher if you are interested in signing up.

Each tally sheet will record a total of 15 books. When the completed tally sheet is returned, the child will earn a prize and a sticker on the classroom chart. Each sticker on the chart represents a Station. The goal is for each student is to reach Station 8, for a total of 120 books!

As students reach Station 8, they will receive a special certificate and will have their picture posted with it on the school's Facebook page. Students will also have their names read during announcements to recognize their achievement and they will have their name posted on the Books & Beyond bulletin board in the cafeteria. At the end of the program, a special medal ceremony will be held and all students who reached Station 8 will receive a medal for their efforts.

The students are also encouraged to continue reading past Station 8. For every Station completed after Station 8, the student's name will be entered to win a Barnes and Noble gift card. For example, if a student reads to Station 16, he/she will earn 8 entries into the gift card drawing.

Once the program is completed, averages for each grade level will be calculated. All the grade levels will be separated into two groups; PreK-3, Prek-4, and Kindergarten will make up one group, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades will make up the second group. The class with the most books read within each group will earn an extra recess! The individual student within each group with the most books read will earn an out of uniform day and a special prize!

