

# CEDAR RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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*Our Mission: To develop and enlighten the mind, encourage compassion and integrity and promote responsible citizenship.*

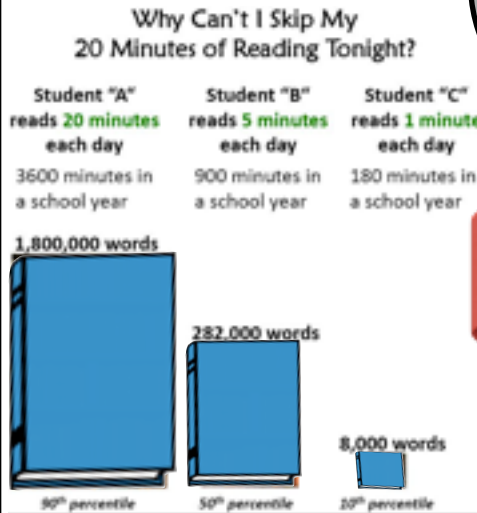
## Principal's Message

**D**oes my child really need to read at home every night?

This might be a question that you've asked yourself once or twice this year. You may also wonder why reading at home is so important when children do so much reading practice at school. I wanted to share some fascinating research that has been done about reading time at home.

I have heard many teachers at this school tell their students, "You don't need to read every day, just on the days you eat." I wish every parent and child believed that reading is this important. The fact is, reading with a high level of fluency and comprehension is an essential skill that children will need to graduate from high school, and a high school diploma is necessary to provide a living in today's competitive job market. If a child does not learn to read, he or she will have vastly reduced opportunities in the future.

The following infographic shows the huge difference in the number of words between a child who reads 20 minutes a day and a child who reads 1 minute a day:



By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life? (Dugg & Herman, 1997)

It is my hope that you will take the time to read at least 20 minutes with your child every day. This is a great way to prepare your child for jr. high, high school, and beyond!

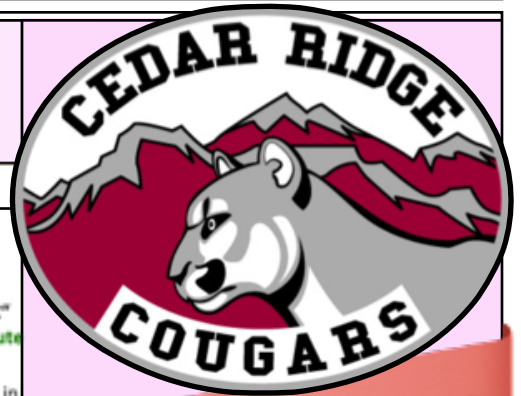
Sincerely,

Principal

References:

<http://www.edudemic.com/skipping-your-reading-homework/>

**Stay Informed!**  
Check out the school's website:  
[cedarridge.alpineschools.org](http://cedarridge.alpineschools.org)



## Upcoming Events

### February

- 7-9, Book Fair
- 8-9, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 14, Valentine's Day
- 17, End of 2nd Trimester
- 20, Presidents' Day - **No School**
- 23, PTA Chick Fil-A Night, 5-8pm



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for next year will begin on March 27th. Please help us spread the word! Children must be 5 years old by September 1st, 2017 in order to enroll.

### Fingerprinting Reminder

If you are planning on being a chaperon on a field trip, you may want to schedule your fingerprinting appointment now. State law requires a new, more thorough background check for anyone who has unsupervised access to children. Please go to <http://goo.gl/rmvEIS> if you need a fingerprinting appointment.

### Help Wanted

Alpine School District is always looking for great substitute teachers. If you are interested, call 801-373-1616 or send an email to [5913@kellyservices.com](mailto:5913@kellyservices.com). Go to <http://kellyeducationalstaffing.us/Customer/KES-Alpine/Home/> for more information.

### STEM Fair Winners

We are pleased to announce the school level winners of the Science Fair. The following students won and will represent our school at a district competition:

#### 6th Grade:

Ethan Geslison, Libby Templeton, Sarah Allred, Amanda Pritchett, Kylie Villalobos, Samantha Vasquez, Presley Plant, Abbie Bailey, Brayden Johnson, Luke Nord, Madeline Hunt, Annie Morgan, Matty Taulii, Millie Ericksen, Alta Mitchell, Riley Weber, Elizabeth James, Jessica Coulam, Cynthia Jensen, Finnley Davis, Ian Strauss, Andrew Hillam, and Hannah Ivins

#### 5th Grade:

Cheryl Qian, Noah Li, Joseph Terry, Anna Swank, Aiden Dajany, Natalie Rogers, and Carlos Rodriguez.

***We're proud of you!***

## PTA News

Come to the **PTA Day at the Capitol** on Feb. 22nd at 9:30am. The cost is \$15 and you can register at <http://www.utahpta.org/registration-day-capitol>. Students can also attend. Their cost is also \$15, and they will have separate activities than the adults and lunch is included. If you want legislative updates send your email to [cheryl@utahpta.org](mailto:cheryl@utahpta.org).

The 6th grade **Service Club** is in need of volunteers. They meet every Friday 10:50-11:50 AM. You can volunteer once a month or every week, whatever you can do. If you are interested please contact Jill Brown at [jillbrownie@gmail.com](mailto:jillbrownie@gmail.com).

The PTAs at secondary schools are sponsoring a **Battle of the Bands** on March 4th at Canyon Corner High School.

The **Utah Coalition Against Pornography** Conference is Saturday, March 11th at the Salt Palace (\$16 before the 11th, \$25 that day) <https://ucapconference.org/>

Cedar Ridge PTA has a **survey** for parents: <https://goo.gl/DBMDmY>. Thanks to everyone who has responded so far!

Come to the **Book Fair**, February 6-9 in the Media Center. If you are interested in helping with Book Fair contact Katrina Ross: [katrinajd@yahoo.com](mailto:katrinajd@yahoo.com)

**Chick fil-a Night** is Thursday, February 23rd. We appreciate Chick fil-A in American Fork and Dusty Pyne for their generosity in sponsoring these nights. The teacher who has the most donated receives a portion of the total amount!

If you are interested in **helping with PTA** email Rachelle at [sevenyips@gmail.com](mailto:sevenyips@gmail.com).

This week we will be reading the nominees for **next year's PTA Board** anyone can attend and PTA members can vote. It is Thursday, February 2nd at 10 AM in the teacher's lounge.

**Thanks** to Juana Badger and her committee for a fun Social Studies week and awesome assembly! We also want to thank Linda Oler and her committee for all they did for Teacher Appreciation Week. Thanks to all the room parents who organized their classes as well. The school looked so festive with all the door decorations! Thanks parents for supporting our school! We love and appreciate our teachers and staff!