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***Tulsa Reads Millions*** is a district-wide reading initiative designed to promote literacy. We are challenging every member of our Tulsa Public Schools community to read at least a million words each year. The idea is a simple one. Research indicates that the more students read, the better readers they become. Reading achievement is directly related to the volume of reading students do. In fact, the practice of reading helps people of all ages to improve their reading skills and become more knowledgeable.

***Tulsa Reads Millions*** will involve more than just TPS students and staff. For students to reach their million word goal, they will need to spend time reading both at school and at home. They will need the help of parents, guardians, family members and the entire Tulsa community, encouraging them to read, read, read! We hope to grow Tulsa Reads Millions into a city-wide initiative. To help students achieve their goal of reading a million words, TPS is developing partnerships with a variety of community-based organizations and literacy programs.

# TULSA READS MILLIONS

[WWW.TULSASCHOOLS.ORG/SCHOOLS1/TRM](http://WWW.TULSASCHOOLS.ORG/SCHOOLS1/TRM)

**Program objectives** include the following:

- To support students in becoming accomplished readers
- To increase the academic achievement of all students
- To help students develop the habits of good reading
- To create excitement about reading and learning every day

**How much is a million words?** By reading approximately 20 minutes each evening and that same amount during the school day, most students will read one million words in a year. That translates into approximately 25 high school level books annually. On the other end of the spectrum, it means primary students should be read to, and/or read four picture or primary books each day. All types of reading count, including newspapers, magazines, books, comics, websites, and digital content. Words can be read in any language or in several languages.

**How can you help?** Parents play a critical role by supporting reading before and after school. Make reading a fun enjoyable time. Model reading and talk about books, magazine articles and all types of reading with your child. Encourage your student to read at least 20 minutes every day!

**How can PTA help?** Talk with your school's principal to see how you can make ***Tulsa Reads Millions*** successful. You may be asked to collect magazines, books, or other reading materials for classroom reading time. Your school may need you to help with reading incentives or celebrations. Each TPS school is in the process of developing individual strategies, programs, and celebrations to help their students reach the goal of reading a million words this year. Some secondary schools are challenging students to read 25 books while others are counting words or pages and some are tracking minutes. No matter how we count them, we hope that together, everyone in ***Tulsa Public Schools Reads Millions...of words, of pages, of minutes and of books this year!***