

"If you are going to get anywhere in life, you have to read a lot of books." – Roald Dahl



Let's R.A.P. **(Reading as Partners)**

Welcome to another exciting school year of learning through reading books!

Every year, with the support of the MES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and the help of dedicated volunteers and teachers, the Reading As Partner (RAP) Committee runs a reading program that encourages students and their partners to join together for the love of reading and literacy. Specifically, RAP seeks to encourage students to 1) **read together with a partner for a positive reading experience** and 2) read many different literary genres so they can **gain a wide range of knowledge through the power of reading**. Students will also receive a reading prize each month as an incentive to keep reading.

Here is how the program works:

- 1) At the beginning of every month, your child's teacher will send out a RAP report form. Depending on their grade level, they will be assigned to read a book in a particular genre. The assigned reading categories include topics such as Science, Non-Fiction, Award Winning, Arts and Recreation and Poetry.
- 2) If your child needs a book, they can borrow a book from the Moanalua Elementary School Library and/or go online to the MES library website. They can also use the Salt Lake/Moanalua Public Library or any other branch library. The Salt Lake/Moanalua Public Library is open on Mon./Tues. from 12-7 pm, Wed.- Fri. from 10 am- 5 pm, and Saturdays from 10am -3 pm.
- 3) Once they finish reading their book, complete a RAP report and return it to their teacher. If your child needs another copy, forms can be downloaded from the PTO website at <https://moanalupto.org/reading-as-partners/>.
- 4) Every student who submits their RAP report will receive a **monthly prize**. If a student completes all 7 of their RAP reports, they will get a special certificate at the end of the school year. Students who complete all of their RAP reports from Kindergarten - 6th Grade will also get special recognition.

- 5) In order to promote a fun and positive book reading environment, we will choose six RAP reports from every class and post them on the RAP bulletin boards outside of the Kindergarten and library building. If space permits, "3-D" book reports that do not fit on paper, will be displayed on the library shelves.

We highly recommend that you see yourself as your child's learning partner and help them to complete their RAP reports every month. It is a great way to check in with your child and show them that you are never too old to learn something new or read a book. Ask them questions about what they read, and encourage them to have fun with their RAP report!

The 2019-2020 RAP schedule is attached to this letter, along with a brochure on the importance of reading, and the RAP form for September 2019. Extra copies can also be downloaded at <http://www.moanaluoapto.org/rap>. If you have any other questions, please feel free to email us at rap@moanaluoapto.org

Thank you for your support! We look forward to another great year of learning through the Reading as Partners program!

Moanalua Elementary School PTO
RAP Committee (2019-2020)