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Dear Parents,

ECA firmly believes in the importance of developing a life-long interest in reading in our students. The benefits of becoming an active, fluent reader include greater success in school through improved literacy, development of higher-order thinking skills, and habit of connecting one's life experiences to the experiences of others. In order to encourage and foster the habit of reading, ECA has developed an Elementary Summer Reading Contest.

#### Pre-Kinder and Kinder

- Each student should read, with their parents, a minimum of eight (8) grade level books but can read as many books as they desire.
- These books should be in their mother tongue, because the idea is that they learn to enjoy reading with their parents.
- Parents will be given a reading log where they can keep track of the books that they have read with their children.
- At the beginning of the next school year (August 2010) each student will turn in their reading log and the total of books will be tallied.

#### Prizes

- Each student who meets the minimum requirement will receive a prize.
- The student in each class who reads the most will receive a prize.
- The class that reads 140 books (PK and KG), 140 hours (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) or 200 hours (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) will receive a class prize.
- The class that reads the most books or hours total will receive a class prize.

You can find a downloadable reading log on the ECA website to use if you wish.

Thank you for your continued investment in your children's lives!

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