



September, 2010

Dear Teacher,

Thank you for the important role you are taking in the "*Give Literacy a Hand*" *Read-a-thon* taking place during the month of October!

Your role includes giving all children in your class the opportunity to participate.

Student participation is easy:

- During September, please send home a copy of the **Parent Letter (with Permission Slip)** with students. Once a student returns the Permission Slip (due back no later than September 30), please provide your student with a **Student Packet** (which contains a Student Letter/Question and Answer Sheet, and the Pledge Sheet/Calendar Tally Sheet).
- Ask students to solicit pledges only from people they know - family, relatives, neighbors and friends - and list those pledges on their Pledge Sheet.
- During October, students report the number of minutes they read daily on the Calendar Tally Sheet.
- During the first week of November, students collect their pledges and return to you no later than November 6th. You are asked to tally all the students' names and pledges and return to the Principal's Office or the Principal's Read-a-thon Representative.
- Teachers benefit from "*Give Literacy a Hand*" *Read-a-thon* too!
- Teach children about the educational challenges faced by deaf children
- Make the Read-a-thon a part of your community service program
- Help your school raise funds for educational purposes
- Ask students to write book reports
- Encourage students to read with gifts and prizes - All participating students will receive a prize!

Please see our "*Give Literacy a Hand*" *Read-a-thon* web site, [www.Literacycounts.org](http://www.Literacycounts.org) for more information and forms. If you have any questions, please contact us at [Readathon@cuedspeech.org](mailto:Readathon@cuedspeech.org).

Thank you,

The "*Give Literacy a Hand*" Read-a-thon Committee