

#MiamiReads Campaign

Timeline of Reading Events

2018-2019



September 2018

#MiamiReads Campaign Kick-Off – Grades PK – 12

The campaign kick-off would be in partnership with public libraries across our community. The goal is to promote the power of a free library card using the theme, “*One Cool Card.*” Schools will conduct field trips to the public libraries so that students and families sign up for a library card and learn about everything that the public library offers. Additionally, public libraries will send mobile library trucks to various schools to facilitate the acquisition of a library card and accessibility to books for children.

Homestead-Miami Speedway Race to Read – Grades K-5 (September-October)

Homestead-Miami Speedway and Miami-Dade County Public School’s goal is to promote school-wide interest in literacy through the excitement of racing. Students will be challenged to read as many hours as possible from September to October. Students have the opportunity to win free tickets to Homestead Speedway.

Social Science Read-In Chain Hispanic Heritage Month – Grades K-12 (September-October)

Schools will select a day each week of the celebratory month to highlight various authors and/or reading selections. Schools then report their organization of a “Read-In” by completing an online form called a “Host Report Card” each time they host an event. The Host Report Card is used to compute the number of participants and produce a report card for this literacy effort. Participating schools are sent a certificate of participation in recognition of their efforts.

October 2018

Write Tract to Poetry – Grades 6-8

ELA secondary will collaborate with the Homestead Miami Speedway and the Jason Taylor Blueapple Poetry Network to provide instruction in reading and writing poetry to selected schools. The goal of this activity is to promote school-wide interest in reading and writing through poetry. Various artists visit the schools and discuss poetry. The event culminates with a student poetry competition where the winners are presented prizes at the Speedway’s race in November.

November 2018

Miami Book Fair International – Grades K-12

The partnership between Miami Dade College (MDC) and M-DCPS provides opportunities for more than 5,000 students to interact with authors and their works. The authors visit more than 60 schools, and books are provided to the schools. Additionally, the main event consists of three sessions that take place in the MDC auditorium on the final Friday of the fair. Elementary, middle and high school students attend interactive sessions with featured authors. All of the students in attendance receive a copy of the author’s book.

December 2018

Book Bout – Grades 6-8

The second annual “Book Bout” competition allows students to read two books provided by the District. Students read the books, engage in small group discussions that are typical of book clubs, and ultimately participate in a contest with other participating schools.

January 2019

Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida – Grades K-12

M-DCPS collaborates with the *Just Read, Florida!* Office to Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida. Schools select and submit one entry that is in alignment with the annual theme. Additionally, The Department of English Language Arts provides a week’s worth of activities so that all schools can engage in worthwhile literacy-based activities.

February 2019

Piano Slam – Grades 6-12

Piano Slam is an annual poetry writing competition that asks students to read and compose works of poetry inspired by their reactions to a selection of music. The finalists are able to perform their composition at our Piano Slam event at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts.

Shakespeare Meme Bowl – Grades 6-12

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the *Shakespeare Meme Bowl*. Students will use technology to create a set of memes depicting themselves in a Shakespeare scene.

Social Science Read-In Chain Black History Month – Grades K-12

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“Picnic de Libros” – Grades K-5

“Picnic de Libros” is an activity designed to promote biliteracy through the joy of reading at the elementary level. Selected schools and grades are provided with baskets containing a plethora of books in Spanish. Students and teachers spend time reading outdoors simulating a picnic environment. Each student who participates in the event can select a book of his/her preference to take home.

March 2019

National Education Association (NEA) Read Across America Celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday – Grades K-12

This **National Education Association (NEA)** initiative is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading. Schools may invite community guests, parents, and district staff to read one of Dr. Seuss's books or a book of choice to students. Read Across America Day is a day that celebrates reading and the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Social Science Read-In Chain Women's History Month - Grades K-12

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April 2019

Celebrate National Poetry Month – Grades PK-12

In honor of National Poetry Month, the Department of English Language Arts will provide schools with activities to encourage students to read, write and share poetry. Schools will participate in events such as "Poem in Your Pocket" day where students will select a poem, carry it with them, and share with family and friends.

May 2019

Battle of the Books – Grades 3-5

Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program for students in grades 3-5. Students read books and come together in teams to demonstrate their knowledge of the books they have read. The student competitions are usually similar to the TV series *Family Feud*. There are three preselected books that students are to read. The competition includes six teams/schools from each region that compete against each other. Teams consist of seven members. Trophies are awarded to the winning school.

Bilingual Literacy Month – Grades PK-5

Bilingual Literacy Month promotes the educational and social benefits of reading in two languages. The Department of Bilingual Education and World Languages provides activities throughout the month that encourage the development of English and Spanish literacy and language skills. Students at the elementary level enjoy story time, essay contents and creating student-made books in two languages.

#MiamiReads Day – Grades PK-12

The **#MiamiReads** Campaign will culminate in May 2019, whereby on a designated day community leaders, government agency representatives, university leaders, and Dade

Partners will read to students an excerpt from their favorite book throughout the district or participate in this event via live streaming into classrooms

June, July, August 2019

“Sun’s Out, Books Out!” Initiative – Grades include rising 2nd, 3rd and 7th

Rising second, third, and seventh grade students who are reading below grade level will receive two free books and a reading journal to encourage independent reading during the summer months. The free books are selected by the Department of English Language Arts based on criteria that demonstrates high-interest and reading level appropriateness for these students.

Summer Reading Guidelines – Grades K-12

The M-DCPS Summer Reading Guidelines is published annually to provide schools with direction in the creation and implementation of a school site summer reading plan, suggested reading activities, and reading lists for elementary, middle and high schools. The school site plans provide students with an opportunity for recreational reading, personal exploration, and continued intellectual growth during the summer months.

myON Reading Challenge – Grades PK-8

The challenge is designed to encourage students to read independently wherever they may be using the MyON Reader application that includes hundreds of e-books. The top ten district-wide readers will receive prizes.

Reading Plus Summer Reading Challenge – Grades 9 -12

The challenge is designed to provide students in grades nine through 12 with opportunities to improve their reading skills by completing lessons using the Reading Plus application. Students with the most lessons completed will receive prizes.

Summer Literacy Adventure Challenge – Grades K-12

The Florida Department of Education with the Florida Lottery and the Department of Environmental Protection challenge students to complete and submit a summer literacy pledge to read at least 10 books. Schools with the highest percentage of participation will be acknowledged by the state and receive prizes.