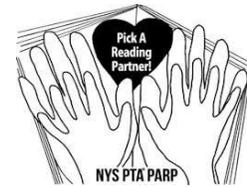




# Welcome to Camp Manetuck - PARP 2020

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Manetuck PTA would like to welcome you to our annual Pick a Reading Partner Program – also known as PARP! This year we are pleased to bring you a camping theme. Please take some time to become familiar with the activities we have planned over the next two weeks.

PARP is a program designed to encourage children to read at home with a partner (parents, grandparent, babysitter, older sibling, cousin, friend, etc.) for at least 20 minutes each day. Learning to read is the single most important activity in a child's education.

Attached you will find several things: a calendar used to see the daily events that your child will have the opportunity to be involved in, a reading log and a variety of resources to go with those events.

Manetuck PTA will host *A Night under the Stars* which will include a book swap and picnic on Thursday, February 6, 2020 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. During the event, you will have the opportunity to bring a book to swap with a friend, read a book or two, and dine with your family and others. Bring a blanket and a picnic basket full of your family's favorite goodies. You will also be able to shop at the Book Fair with your child. A box will be set up for donations of gently used and unwanted books for our school library, as well as our teachers' classroom libraries.

During these two weeks K – 2 children will also be visit the West Islip Public library, get library cards if they don't yet have one and have an opportunity to read with a service animal as well. They will Skype with a famous author/illustrator Paige Jaeger. The children will also be involved in creating an instructional book for CAMP Manetuck where each grade will be responsible for writing and illustrating a chapter of the book. Numerous STEM activities are also planned over the two weeks that pair well with our camping theme this year.

Your children can also keep track of the number of minutes they read on reading logs and turn completed reading logs in for prizes. Various prizes will be awarded for different levels completed. The grand prize will be go to the class with the greatest overall participation and the most number of minutes read.

As a culminating PARP activity, students will participate in the art of oral storytelling around a campfire during an in-school assembly. Please help your children complete their daily reading logs and hand them in a timely fashion. Completed reading logs are due on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 and Wednesday, February 12, 2020 to be entered for prizes.

Thank you for supporting PARP!

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