



The Port Jefferson PTA is pleased to introduce the 2018 PARP theme:

The Enchanted Forest! We invite you to explore The Enchanted Forest; a whimsical place of irresistible books kids can't wait to read so their imagination can grow!

This year's PARP takes place November 5th- November 16th. The enclosed handouts will provide more information on the importance of reading for our children as well as provide you with some information on special events regarding in school activities as well as after school events.

The fall book fair will also take place during PARP – please check the Virtual Backpack for the date and time your child's class will attend. If you have a few minutes to spare and are interested in volunteering at the book fair please contact Carolyn Orofino at orofinoc@optonline.net

We look forward to hosting this fun and educational event.
Thank you!



Dear Parents:

Learning to read is the single most important activity in a child's education. Studies show that children who read at home are better prepared to succeed in formal education.

PARP (Pick A Reading Partner) is a program that asks parents to read with their children for at least fifteen minutes daily, stressing the fact that reading can be fun as well as informative. The choice of reading materials can vary from books to games or anything with printed words. The daily activity of reading together strengthens reading and communication skills in the child and also strengthens the parent/child relationship.

PARP is a program that cements the necessary bond between the home and the school to encourage love of reading in our children. It was developed in 1978 by the late State Senator James Donovan, Chairman of the State Senate Education Committee; in 1987 the New York State PTA was asked to assume the program's helm, and since then has administered the program.

We proudly invite you to join the Port Jefferson PTA as we present: **The Enchanted Forest: a whimsical place of irresistible books!** Please look through this packet with your child and become familiar with the activities suggested and planned for the upcoming weeks.

PARP celebrates the importance of reading in our everyday lives. Spending just 15 minutes a day reading with you child helps them "grow as a reader" and raises the potential for both academic and lifelong success. No one is ever too old to be read to. Take this opportunity to participate in as many of these enjoyable activities designed to get your family reading together and establish good reading habits that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Port Jefferson PTA



Find what reading materials your child treasures most with these wonderful free websites that promote a new fun way to read...

- ❖ Disney Jr
- ❖ Seussville
- ❖ Storyline Online
- ❖ National Geographic Kids
- ❖ Discovery Kids
- ❖ PBS Kids
- ❖ Funbrain
- ❖ Funology
- ❖ Kids Reads
- ❖ Brain Pop
- ❖ A Mighty Girl



Name:

Grade/Teacher:

PARP READING LOG

11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9
11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16

Enter the total minutes you read that evening at home. Please have a parent or guardian initial each box every night. Hand this form in on Friday, November 16th to your teacher top readers from each grade earn a special prize.