

MONTHLY READING LOG

A real month-at-a-glance calendar grid for independent reading. Fillable PDF.

CALENDAR Month-At-A-Glance Calendar Grid

One box for every day, Sunday through Saturday. The title, the minutes or pages, and the date all live inside the same box.

CLASS / STUDENT	MONTH	YEAR	READING GOAL
Codes: I Independent P With a partner A Adult read-aloud AB Audiobook			
SUN	MON	TUE	WED
THU	FRI	SAT	

LOG Weekly-At-A-Glance Reading Log

The lighter version: a date, a minute or page count, and a title, for whoever wants less than the full calendar grid (page 6).

CLASS / STUDENT	WEEK OF	READING GOAL
DATE	MINUTES OR PAGES	BOOK OR ARTICLE TITLE
		CODE (OPTIONAL)

CLASS Whole-Class Monthly Reading Tracker

The whole class on one page: a weekly goal, four weeks of totals, and whether the goal was met, copied from each student's own grid or log.

TEACHER	MONTH	UPDATED
STUDENT	WEEKLY GOAL	WEEK 1 TOTAL
	WEEK 2 TOTAL	WEEK 3 TOTAL
	WEEK 4 TOTAL	MONTH TOTAL
	GOAL MET? (Y/N)	

HOME School Break Reading Log, Family Version

The same box-a-day grid, for a school break instead of a school month. A family fills it in on their own schedule.

FAMILY / STUDENT	BREAK (E.G., WINTER BREAK, SUMMER)	YEAR	READING GOAL
Codes: I Independent P With a partner A Adult read-aloud AB Audiobook			
SUN	MON	TUE	WED
THU	FRI	SAT	

SUMMARY Monthly Minutes and Days Roll-Up and Graph

Copy each week's total from page 6, 7, 8 or 10 and plot one point a week. A goal line drawn first makes three weeks above or below it easy to see.

CLASS / STUDENT	MONTHLY READING GOAL	WEEKS SHOWN (E.G. 1 TO 4)
SCORE (PERCENT, COUNT, MINUTES, STEPS — LABEL IT)		
100		
90		
80		
70		
60		
50		
40		
30		
20		
10		

EXAMPLE A Month of Reading, Filled In

Month-At-A-Glance Calendar Grid (page 6), one week shown — Marcus, third grade (invented)

Reading goal: 100 min / week Month: October

DATE	DAY	BOOK / TITLE	MINUTES	CODE
3	Sun	Dog Diaries, ch. 1 (read)	10	I
4	Mon	Dog Diaries, ch. 2	20	I
5	Tue	Dog Diaries, ch. 3	15	I
6	Wed	—	0	—
7	Thu	Dog Diaries, ch. 4	25	I
8	Fri	Dog Diaries, ch. 5	20	P
9	Sat	National Geographic Kids: Volcanoes	30	A

Four weeks on the roll-up (page 12)

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3 (THIS WEEK)	WEEK 4
90 min	105 min	120 min	—

How the numbers check
Sunday through Saturday (dates 3 to 9): $10 + 20 + 15 + 0 + 25 + 20 + 30 = 120$ minutes, 20 over the 100-minute weekly goal. That matches Week 3 on the roll-up. Weeks 1 and 2 (90, 105) plus this week (120) total

Ten situations, one page each. Start here, then go straight to the page you need.

SITUATION	USE	WHERE
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Turning the month into something to show at a conference	Monthly Minutes and Days Roll-Up and Graph	Page 12
Sending a note home about this month's reading	Family Update: Note Home	Page 13
Setting up the class or student name and goal first	Monthly Reading Log Setup	Page 5
Printing a binder cover and tabs for the whole set	Reading Log Binder Cover and Tabs	Page 15

Pick one format and stick with it for the month

Switching between the calendar grid and the weekly log mid-month makes the roll-up (page 12) harder to read. Pick the version that fits the class or the family and print a fresh page at the start of every month.

What this file does not do

- ☐ Set a required number of minutes a day; that number is the team's to set, not ours.
- ☐ Measure or report a reading level; it logs minutes and titles, not a score.
- ☐ Replace a classroom reading program; it is the paper that tracks one.
- ☐ Calculate totals automatically; it is a fillable PDF, typed or handwritten, added by hand.

Log it the same day, not from memory later

A grid filled in from memory at the end of the month is a guess, not a record. Fill in each box the day it happens, and copy the weekly total onto the roll-up (page 12) once a week, not the day before a conference.

Your district's policy on how reading logs are collected or filed, if any

One box for every day, Sunday through Saturday. The title, the minutes or pages, and the date all live inside the same box.

READING GOAL

Codes: **I** Independent **P** With a partner **A** Adult read-aloud **AB** Audiobook

No dates are pre-printed on purpose. Write the first of the month in wherever Sunday through Saturday puts it, then number the rest of the boxes in order; the same page works for a 28-day month or a 31-day month.

Whole-Class Monthly Reading Tracker

The whole class on one page: a weekly goal, four weeks of totals, and whether the goal was met, copied from each student's own grid or log.

TEACHER

MONTH

UPDATED

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Reading the columns across

Copy each student's weekly total from their own calendar grid, weekly log, or reading center log once a week. A student below goal three weeks running is a conversation about which format fits that student better.

Students below their weekly goal, and what was tried

School Break Reading Log, Family Version

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FAMILY / STUDENT

BREAK (E.G., WINTER BREAK, YEAR SUMMER)

READING GOAL

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The same calendar grid as page 6, for reading that happens off the school calendar. No minutes are required here either; this page only makes the reading visible.

Once a week is enough

A family does not need to initial every box; one check-in partway through the break and one at the end is plenty. The grid is here so the reading is visible, not so it is graded.

Parent / guardian note at the end of the break (optional)

Family Update: Note Home About This Month's Reading

A one-page update a teacher would otherwise write from scratch, with blanks for this month's own numbers and wording.

STUDENT

MONTH

FROM

This page pairs with whichever reading log is in use this month — the calendar grid, the weekly log, or the class tracker. Send it home once, at the point in the month that fits your classroom.

A few things that help any book

- ☐ Let your child pick the book; any book that gets read all the way through counts.
- ☐ Reading together for five minutes if that is all the time there is; minutes add up.
- ☐ A regular time and a quiet spot matter more than a long session.
- ☐ Celebrate minutes read, not just books finished.
- ☐ An audiobook or a read-aloud still counts as reading time.
- ☐ A graphic novel or a comic counts; the words still get read.
- ☐ Reading the same favorite book again is still reading.

A note to send home with this month's log

DEAR

DATE

Attached is this month's reading log. Please fill in a box or a line as your family goes, and return it by the date on the calendar. If a day is missed, that is fine — pick back up the next day. Thank you for making time for this; it adds up more than any single day shows.

ONE THING TO NOTICE FROM THIS MONTH SO FAR

REPLY FROM HOME
(OPTIONAL)

BEST WAY TO REACH ME

This month's reading, in brief (write it in once the month is logged)

Your district's policy on at-home reading expectations, if any

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What is not on the page

No reading level, no score, and no reason given for Wednesday's blank box beyond the dash marking a day with no reading. The class tracker (page 8) would carry this same week as one number, not seven.

Reading the Code column

Marcus read on his own four days (I), with a partner once (P), and had Volcanoes read aloud to him once (A) — the same short codes from the key on page 5. A code says who was reading, not how well; none of these codes are a score.