



## Time to Start SOARing, Eagles!

SOAR (Summer of Academic Readiness) has been a tradition at Eastover for many years. SOAR focuses on encouraging our students to continue reading and learning over the summer.

### **How can YOU be part of SOAR?**

Track the hours you read or spend engaged in other learning activities over the summer using the Eastover SOAR Log and turn it in to school by September 5.

This year, between June 1 and August 13, students can also track hours through the Mecklenburg County Library's "**Summer Break**" Reading program at [summerbreak.cmlibrary.org](http://summerbreak.cmlibrary.org) to win prizes, free books and more! It's that easy!

### **How will you be rewarded for your hard work?**

#### *Summer Break Rewards\**

- Register for "Summer Break" program = Wendy's Jr. Frosty & \$5 Library Fine Waiver
- Read and log 20 hours through "Summer Break" = FREE BOOK
- Log hours weekly = Enter weekly raffle drawings for tickets to the Discovery Place, Latta Plantation, Carolina Raptor Center, Children's Theatre of Charlotte, Sea Life Aquarium, Trampoline Park, Ray's Splash Planet and much more!

#### *Eastover SOAR Rewards*

- Turn in your SOAR Log = Surprise reward
- Read 10 hours = Raffle ticket for raffle drawings
- Earn top reader per grade level = Principal for a day
- Have highest class participation, per grade level = Reward party
- Meet grade level goal = Reward party

Students will be notified of Summer Break prizes via email and can redeem them at local branch libraries. Eastover prizes will be distributed at school.

### **SOAR Grade Level Goals:**

- Rising Kindergarteners: 15 minutes a day for at least 60 days
  - 900 minutes/15 hours
- Rising 1st-5th Graders: 30 minutes a day for at least 60 days
  - 1800 minutes/30 hours

### **Why do we SOAR at Eastover?**

Studies have shown that students who do not read or practice math skills over the summer come to school two to three months behind. The US Department of Education found that, generally, the more students read for fun on their own time, the higher their reading score.

### **How can you earn SOAR hours?**

SOAR hours can be earned in a variety of ways. You can earn hours by reading, doing math, writing or learning in another creative way!

**Find more information at [eastoverpta.org/soar](http://eastoverpta.org/soar) and have fun SOARing!**