Dear Parent:

**Welcome to SPARK: Summer Program for Arithmetic, Reading and Knowledge!** The main goal of this program is to encourage your child to maintain his or her academic skills over the summer. Studies have shown that students who don't read or reinforce math skills over the break lose approximately 2-3 months of reading and math ability.

In addition, this program will provide funds for Dilworth's 2012-2013 operating budget. Last year, SPARK raised over $50,000, which funded class field trips, in-reach for students in need, materials for classroom start-up and many other important items.

**Record your Goal and Pledges**: Help your student set a goal for the number of hours he/she plans to read and practice math skills over the summer and record this amount on the attached Reading Contract. Your student may then ask family members and special friends to pledge an amount of money per hour of summer skills work or make a flat donation. Record your pledges on the attached Reading Contract.

**How to Win Prizes**: Throughout the summer, read and practice math skills. Use the tally sheet we'll send home at the beginning of the summer to track the number of hours you complete. Get creative; listen to books on tape while following along in the book (great for long car rides); do math flash cards; read aloud to your child; play *Scrabble*, *Boggle*, *Bananagrams* or other educational board or computer games.

Next fall, when the SPARK Committee returns reading contracts, students will collect pledged dollars and submit pledges with completed tally sheets. Please remember that donations may be tax deductible and many corporations will match financial gifts to the school, making it easy to double your financial support. All participants will receive a prize ***but for every 5 hours completed, your student will earn a ticket***. These tickets will be placed into a raffle to win fabulous prizes. The more your student reads, the more likely he/she is to win! The drawing will take place at the Spark Day assembly in October.

Thank you for your support of Dilworth Elementary School.

Leslie Ford  Ann Patterson
2012 SPARK Co-Chairs

*P.S. Students, stay tuned to the morning announcements for information about how your Dragon House can win a popsicle party by turning in the most reading contracts!*

**Please Return Reading Contract in Wednesday folders by May 23, 2012**

Cut here and return form by May 23rd

# Dilworth Elementary **SPARK** Reading Contract

**Please return in Wednesday folders by May 23rd!**

Student Name_____Grade Next Fall_____

Parent name(s)_____

Address_____Phone_____

Projected Hours of Reading ☐  Actual Hours Read ☐

**20 minutes per day = 25 hours**  **30 minutes per day = 37.5 hours**
**45 minutes per day = 56 hours**  **60 minutes per day = 75 hours**
**80 minutes per day = 100 hours**

T-shirt size:  S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16), XL (18-20) _____

## Sponsorship Information

| Sponsor Name | Pledge Per Hour | Total Dollars Pledged* | Actual Amount Earned |
|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ |
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| | $ | $ | $ |
| Subtotal | $ | $ | $ |
| Corporate Matching  (Provide Form) | $ | $ | $ |
| **Grand Total** | $ | $ | $ |

*Total Dollars pledged = pledge per hour X projected hours reading **OR** Total amount of money pledged.