

KAT 2019-2020

Knowledge-A-Thon

- **What is the KAT (Knowledge-A-Thon)?**

- The KAT is an optional PTO sponsored activity.
- The KAT is an academic challenge in which students individually strive to memorize 100 questions over the course of more than 2 months.
- The KAT questions are grade appropriate in content and level of difficulty.
- Children receive rewards for their various levels of completion of the test. Prize categories are as follows:

• <u>0-49</u>	• <u>50-74</u>	• <u>75-99</u>	• <u>100</u>
• Participant	• Apprentice	• Scholar	• Knowledge Master
• Pencil	• Pencil	• Pencil	• Pencil
• Bookmark	• Bookmark	• Bookmark	• Bookmark
	• Book	• Book	• Book
		• Special Surprise	• Special Surprise
			• Dinner (date TBA)

- **Why do we do this?**

- The purpose of the KAT is to develop skills of perseverance and memory retention within the framework of a fun learning environment.
- Because participation is optional and award levels are publicized, children can take ownership of their KAT experience by setting their own goals of achievement.
- The KAT hopes to encourage family involvement in the educational experience. As one family reported, “Our entire family gets involved, including grandparents, and aunts/uncles, quizzing each other and learning the questions.”

- **Who coordinates the KAT?**

- The KAT is administered by the KAT Team of parent volunteers and is supported by the PTO.
- Testing is performed by numerous parent volunteers during the regular school day.

- **When is the KAT?**

- KAT questions are sent home with students before Thanksgiving break.
- Testing will be January 23rd and 24th.
- Awards are given at the completion of the test based on the student’s performance.
- Students achieving a 100/100 will be invited to a teacher hosted
- dinner in addition to the other prizes. 5th graders who are 6 time knowledge masters have their picture placed on a plaque that hangs in the school hallway.

- **IF Your child would like to make up any past year tests to become a “knowledge master”, please make a note on the attached permission slip of the grade level they are missing (due to absence or transfer).**

- **How do I sign up for the KAT?**

- If your child wishes to participate in the KAT and you agree to have them removed from class for the individual testing, please sign and complete the attached form and return it to school no later than

January 18, 2020.

- **Contact Stephanie Gettys at SKGettys@gmail.com with any questions.
Your Child’s Grade Level Questions are Attached.**

I wish for my child to participate in the knowledge-A-Thon. I understand a review of the questions at home is recommended. I agree to be removed from class for the individual testing at the end of January 2018.

Child's name

Grade/ Teacher

Parent Signature

Date

Please return to school no later than January 18, 2020.