

STUDENT MATERIALS
READING CONTEST

Spring Break is 56 days away and the principal at Small City Elementary School wants the fifth graders to increase the number of pages they read every day from now until Spring break. Right now, the fifth graders read a total of 2,587 pages each day. Help the principal complete the rewards chart that would encourage fifth graders to read more.

Fill in the four missing pieces of the reward chart to show the total number of pages that must be read to earn the rewards as well as your best idea for the ultimate prize. Then, you will use your persuasive and mathematical skills to convince the fifth graders to work hard and earn the ultimate prize. If the students do not increase how many pages they are reading, how many pages will they read before spring break?

2,587 x 56 = 144,872

Fifth Grade Reading Rewards	
Total Number of Pages Read by Spring Break (pages per day x days until spring break)	Rewards
2,807 x 56 = <u>157,192</u>	15 minutes of extra recess
3,153 x 56 = <u>176,568</u>	Ice cream party
3,429 x 56 = <u>226,224</u>	Ultimate prize <u>3 days of no work</u>

Use your persuasive skills on the lines below to convince students to read enough to earn the ultimate prize. Be sure to use mathematical reasoning to support your ideas.

If you could read 226,224 pages by Spring break, then you'll get three whole days of absolutely no work! You just need to read 3,429 pages each day, and you'll have your free days in no time! And when you do, you'll have a great time playing and chatting with your friends all day long! It'll be a blast, and those 226,224 pages will go by like the speed of light. Read 3,429 pages each day and you'll get to party!