



# Golden Apple Reading Program Introduction Letter

Hello Chatham Parents!

All children in grades K-5 are invited to join the Golden Apple Reading Program. This school-wide reading incentive program **begins now and ends May 6th**. This is a voluntary program.

Apples with the participating children's names will be hung outside of the library as the children read the required number of books for their grade level.

Amount of books needed to complete each form:

## Grades K-2

Pink Blossom: 10 Books = 10 Total  
Green Apple: 15 Books = 25 Total  
Yellow Apple: 25 Books = 50 Total  
Red Apple: 25 Books = 75 Total  
Golden Apple: 25 Books = 100 Total

## Grades 3-5

Pink Blossom: 5 Books = 5 Total  
Green Apple: 5 Books = 10 Total  
Yellow Apple: 5 Books = 15 Total  
Red Apple: 5 Books = 20 Total  
Golden Apple: 5 Books = 25 Total

Parents may help their children keep a list of books read on the Golden Apple Reading Program forms. There are five forms to complete: pink blossom, green apple, yellow apple, red apple, and golden apple. Start with the pink blossom sheet today! All sheets needed for the program are included in this packet. Please gradually hand in each sheet as your child completes each level. You can download the sheets online at the Golden Apple page of HASA website as well.

Children in grades K-2 may list books read to them, as well as those they have read themselves. When students in grades K-2 read chapter books, three chapters count as one book and can be recorded on each line. Children in grades 3-5 must read chapter books and each chapter book is considered one book. A book may only be listed one time. The lists, signed by a parent, should be returned to the homeroom teacher so the children's names can be recorded and displayed on the Golden Apple Tree in the hallway by the library.

Only books read between now and May 6th may be included. All forms must be turned in no later than May 6, 2023.

Each child who earns a Golden Apple will receive an invitation to the Golden Apple Celebration in June where he/she will select a book that will be dedicated to the library in his/her name. Please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions page for more information.

If you have any questions, please see the attached FAQ's or email Katie Leh at [chathamparkgoldenapple@gmail.com](mailto:chathamparkgoldenapple@gmail.com).

Happy Reading!

Golden Apple Program Volunteers & Chatham Park HASA

# Chatham Park Golden Apple Reading Program

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. How long does the program run?**

The program runs this year from November 15th through May 6th. Only books read during that time period can be counted towards the reading levels. The final form needs to be turned into your child's homeroom teacher no later than May 6th in order for your child to get their Golden Apple. Each child has approximately six months to complete the program – it is not a race.

### **2. What reading counts towards this program?**

We want to encourage your child's love of reading, so any book read during the time period noted above will count. This includes books you read to your child, books your child reads for homework/school assignments, books read in class as part of silent reading time, and books read for fun. What is not included is excerpts of books or articles that your child may be assigned to read in school. Also, each book should only be counted once during the program. Please review and sign each form before your child turns it in. Forms that are not signed will be returned.

### **3. Does the length of the book matter?**

No. For grades 3-5, all chapter books are counted equally whether it is a 200 page book or a 500 page book. For grades K-2, three chapters of a chapter book will count as one book. We would ask that students read books that are at their reading level.

### **4. Why does it sometimes take a long time for my child to see their apple hung on the Golden Apple Tree?**

This program is run by volunteers – busy parents like yourselves. We try our best to regularly process the completed forms, but sometimes it takes longer than we would like. Remember if you lose your forms you are welcome to print out a copy of the needed form from the HASA website.

### **5. What happens at the end of the program?**

Each child who finishes the Golden Apple level will have a book plate with their name placed into a library book of their choice. There is an informal event before school in June, which usually lasts less than 15 minutes, where the children will receive a small reward. They will be able to check out their Golden Apple book and take it home for two weeks. This is a good opportunity for parents and caregivers to take a photo of their child with their chosen book. It is not a formal presentation or award ceremony.

### **6. Who should I contact with questions, concerns, etc.?**

Please contact Katie Leh at [chathamparkgoldenapple@gmail.com](mailto:chathamparkgoldenapple@gmail.com) with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. **Please do not contact the librarian or any other school personnel about this program as it is not part of their responsibilities.**



# Pink Blossom

## Grades K-2

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Books	Title	Author
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Green Apple

## Grades K-2

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Books	Title	Author
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		
16		
17		
18		
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20		
21		
22		
23		
24		
25		

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Yellow Apple

## Grades K-2

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Books	Title	Author
26		
27		
28		
29		
30		
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49		
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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Red Apple

## Grades K-2

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher\_\_\_\_\_

Books	Title	Author
51		
52		
53		
54		
55		
56		
57		
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73		
74		
75		

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_



# Golden Apple

## Grades K-2

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Books	Title	Author
76		
77		
78		
79		
80		
81		
82		
83		
84		
85		
86		
87		
88		
89		
90		
91		



Books	Title	Author
92		
93		
94		
95		
96		
97		
98		
99		
100		

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Print Child's Name for the Bookplate:

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