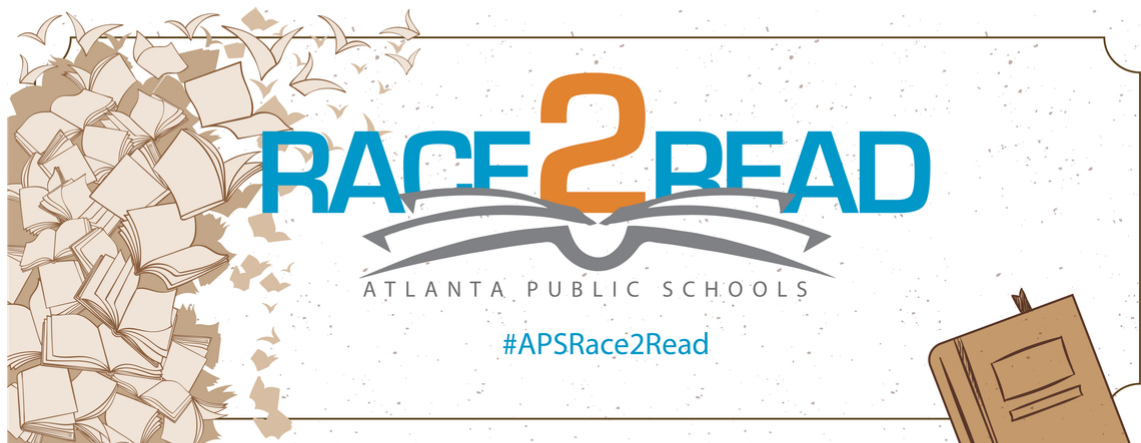


# Cascade Tigers' Book Report

*Reading and Virtual learning Info August 31, 2020, Week 2*

## Welcome Back Cascade Tigers!!

Cascade Tigers will continue to use [MyBackpack](#) for reading resources MYON for pleasure reading and instruction, ACCELERATED READER for measuring comprehension, BEANSTACK for counting minutes read for our citywide reading competition and CLASSPASS for accessing Fulton County Public Library resources. These [e resources](#) are useful for instructional and pleasure reading. Please complete the form at the bottom of this newsletter for support, tutorials or instruction for these apps from Mrs. Williams, Media Specialist. We can "VIRTUALLY DO ALL THINGS" to instruct our students working 2gether!!!



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**RACE2READ**

RACE2 READ is the reading initiative and Beanstack is the computer program for logging in the minutes read. Atlanta Public Schools is raising the bar for reading via APS Race2Read: The 2 Million Minutes Challenge. This district-wide campaign encourages students, teachers, staff, parents and the entire Atlanta community to collectively read 2 million minutes. Beanstack is a web-based, mobile-friendly tool that we are using to track our independent reading during our 2 million minutes challenge. Reading may be logged at any time – in school or on the go.

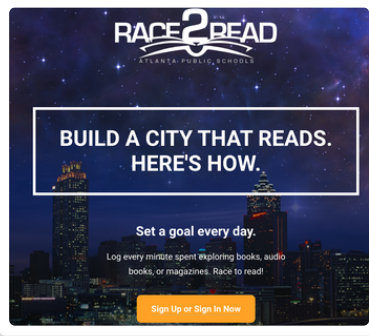
Simply record what you're reading and the time spent reading. Logging reading minutes via Beanstack is a crucial stride on our track to victory. That's right, victory. Each reader is eligible to earn badges of recognition while building excitement and enthusiasm around free-choice reading across the district.

APS is passing the baton, challenging you and your child to read every day. Each APS school has its own Beanstack site, where you can view individual school progress on achieving its schoolwide goal. Parents, find your child's school site below or login via their Clever dashboard. <https://apscascade.beanstack.org/reader365>

**READ .....READ.....READ**

**APS RACE2READ**

Click here to go to RACE2READ website and log in minutes



## RACE2READ 2020

Atlanta Public Schools is excited to continue its district-wide reading campaign, [Race2Read!](#) This is a districtwide reading competition for students, teachers, parents, guardians and any other readers. We are partnering with Urban League of Greater Atlanta to challenge students, teachers, staff, parents, community members and business partners to read daily to help us collectively reach 10 million minutes of reading. On the Beanstack app, select CASCADE Elementary School as the school.

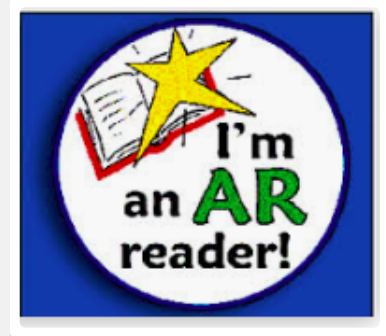
Parents and community members can also sign up to join Race2Read at [Race2Read.beanstack.org](http://Race2Read.beanstack.org). Remember to attribute your minutes to Humphries Elementary School.

**Together, we can build a city that reads! Each time you read [click here](#) and log in your minutes..... every minute counts!!!**



## MY ON

MyOn is a district reading initiative which really makes a difference with struggling readers. This app is located in MyBackpack which is available to students anywhere they can log on to the internet. There are over 6,000 titles that are recommended to students based on their reading level. At the students' initial login they are asked a series of reading diagnostic questions. An approximate **reading lexile score** is calculated. Students can read books on their level which gives the opportunity to improve. They can read independently or listen to the stories. This is a great tool for readers of all levels. Please check the 'Shared Drive' in our Cascade Elementary Google drive to find lists of books from MyON that are compatible to Accelerated Reader comprehension quizzes.



## ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader is a tool for reading success. The AR website allows students the opportunity to improve and measure their reading success. Practice makes perfect!!! Students can get in the habit of reading materials and demonstrating comprehension through reading books on MyOn and taking tests in AR!

The AR App is located in the MyBackpack link. [Click here](#) for a parent letter to help parents understand how students may take AR tests at home. Accelerated Reader is our district wide platform for enhancing reading comprehension.

**Take AR Tests at Home Guide for parents**

# Britannica LaunchPacks

## BRITANNICA LaunchPacks

[Click here to link to Launch Packs](#)

## Science and Social Studies Resources.....Britannica LaunchPacks for research

Britannica has produced creative **Science** and **Social Studies** content sets called **LaunchPacks** that are full of varied resources, such as informational texts, media, timelines, maps, and primary sources, articles, videos, and images. Each **Pack** contains a variety of resources that have been thoughtfully selected by **Britannica** editors to meet the curriculum needs of students at all grade levels.

- Educators say LaunchPacks saves them countless hours finding authoritative, unbiased, and vetted resources around topics that correlate with their standards.

### HOW DO I ACCESS BRITANNICA LAUNCHPACKS?

- In myBACKPACK, click on **eResources**
- Click on **Britannica ImageQuest**
- Now, close Britannica ImageQuest
- Go back to MyBackPack, click on Galileo
- Click **Britannica School**
- Now click on "**Your Britannica Resources**"
- Now click "**Launch Packs**"
- Congrats! You made it to Launch Packs!

The screenshot shows the Britannica School Elementary website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with '250 Britannica School Elementary' and a search bar containing 'EXPLORERS'. Below the navigation bar, a green sidebar on the left contains icons for 'ARTICLES', 'IMAGES', 'VIDEOS', 'DICTIONARY', 'MAGAZINES', 'WEB'S BEST SITES', and 'LESSON PLANS'. The main content area displays search results for 'EXPLORERS'. It includes a section titled 'explorers at a glance' with a star icon, followed by a description: 'From ancient times to the present, people have sought to explore the world around ...'. Below this is another section titled 'exploration and settlement of the Americas' with a star icon, followed by a description: 'By the time of Columbus, Europeans had traveled to the East and explored many parts of Asia. Many ...'. There is a section titled 'IMAGES RELATED TO THIS SEARCH:' with a 'SEE ALL IMAGES' link. This section contains four image thumbnails: a group of people on a ship, a person in a small boat, a map of the Americas, and a ship's hull. Below the images, there are two more sections: 'Christopher Columbus (Italian explorer)' with a star icon and a description: 'However, the Vikings did not establish long-lasting settlements. Columbus explored the area and brought back ...', and 'Robert E. Peary (U.S. explorer)' with a star icon and a description: 'Early Exploring | Peary made his first expedition, or exploring trip, to the Arctic in 1886. Then he met Matthew ...'.





# Cascade ES Media Center Digital Content Request Form


Please use this form for requesting Media Center resources or Media Specialist's assistance, digital content, reading resources or MyBackpack instruction.


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