

## Jockey Hollow Reading Challenge

In an effort to foster a love of reading and to raise reading achievement, Jockey Hollow has decided to host a reading challenge this year. Since studies have shown that children who read or who are read to are infinitely more successful in school, we have established a reading challenge similar to the Governor's Reading Challenge. The Jockey Hollow Reading Challenge will culminate tentatively on March 24, 2010. In November, we celebrated the accomplishments of 82 students who participated in the Governor's Reading Challenge. Our goal is to increase this number to 250 or more students. These students will be celebrated and their names will appear on the Jockey Hollow Reading Challenge Honor Roll which will be posted in the main foyer of our building.

In the past, we have found a definite correlation between students' reading frequency and success on the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT). 83% of the students who previously participated in the Governor's Reading Challenge reached goal or above goal in all three areas of the CMT.

What can you do as a parent? Encourage your child to read and participate in the Jockey Hollow Reading Challenge. Also, if they have no homework, have them spend at least 20 minutes to 30 minutes reading. Attached is the book log for the challenge. Students need to only read **seven** books between now and March 24, 2010 in order to participate. We will have a celebration in March and we will raffle off prizes for this event also. We hope to celebrate your child and every JH student at the JH Reading Challenge!!