

# READ-A-THON to benefit the JIMMY FUND

December 2024

Dear Dunning Families,

I am happy to share that on **Thursday, December 19th**, Dunning classes and staff will once again be participating in our annual read-a-thon to benefit The Jimmy Fund. It gives us an opportunity for a learning experience as well as a way to connect to our community and do something for those less fortunate than ourselves. Last year every teacher at Dunning joined in and the entire school was reading all morning!

The Jimmy Fund supports the fight against cancer in children and adults at Boston's Dana Farber Cancer Institute. It is helping to raise the chances of survival for cancer patients around the world. Since 1948, millions of dollars have been raised toward Dana-Farber's ultimate goal - eradicating cancer and related diseases. I especially like this choice as it gives kids a chance to help other kids! If you would like to read more about this, I encourage you to visit the Jimmy Fund website at:

<http://www.jimmyfund.org/about-us/about-the-jimmy-fund/>

Dunning teachers personally pledge one penny for every minute each student spends reading and many of our other staff members make donations to honor all students that are reading. We may even have guests drop by to help us reach our goal. If you are free, we would love to have you bring your book and read alongside your student, even for just a few minutes. Students are invited to bring their sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, slippers and of course a big pile of books for cozy, comfortable reading.

The students are very enthusiastic and often ask to sponsor themselves! Of course, they need to discuss that with you. However, if *you* would like to join in and sponsor your child, please feel free to do that. Just visit the [Dunning Jimmy Fund giving page](#).



Sincerely,

Ms. Briselli  
Readathon Coordinator