***Sample letter for 2015:***

Dear [INSERT NAME],

These next two weeks, I am participating in a Read-a-Thon at my school called Reading Power. This year’s theme is Blast Off with Reading Power! I am trying to read as much as possible by Friday, **January 30th**, and am hoping to get donations to help fund our Education Foundation, School-Force.

Thanks to School-Force, important programs and staff positions have remained "alive" at our school - Science Specialists, Reading Specialists, Instrumental Music and Chorus to name a few. Our schools in California are continuing to experience severe budget cuts. School-Force helps to minimize the impact of these cuts on my education.

My goal is to read (INSERT NUMBER) minutes. You can pledge a fixed amount, or pledge an amount for every minute read. Please consider making a pledge by **February 6th**.

You can go to [www.schoolforce.org](http://www.schoolforce.org/)/readingpower to donate on-line:

Select the large button “Donate Now Reading Power” on the right side of the Reading Power web page.

In the donation screen, please select:

* [INSERT STUDENT’S SCHOOL NAME]
* Affiliation "Community" (if you aren't a Grandparent or Relative)
* Make sure to enter my name on “Child’s First and Last Name”, so I get credit.
* Fund “Reading Power”

Or, you can write a check payable to School-Force and mail it to my parents by **February 6th.**

Thank you!!!

Sincerely,

(INSERT NAME OF CHILD)

P.S. We like this fundraiser because 100% of the donation goes to our educational foundation AND it gets the kids excited about reading.