Redford Union Junior High's Cozy Read-a-Thon Delights Students

In celebration of Read Across America Day and National Reading Month, Redford Union Junior High (RUJH) recently transformed its halls into a haven for bookworms with a Read-a-Thon. Students were encouraged to come to school dressed in their favorite pajamas and bring along stuffed animals and blankets, to create a cozy and warm reading environment.

The school-wide initiative aimed not only to commemorate the joy of reading but also to foster healthy and enduring reading habits among students. By creating a relaxed and inviting environment, RUJH sought to instill a lifelong love of literature in its students.

The response was overwhelming, with students expressing their adoration for the event and even calling for it to become a regular occurrence, with some suggesting a weekly pajama reading day.

March is Reading Month serves as a reminder of the importance of literacy and the profound impact it has on academic success and personal growth. By nurturing a culture of literacy and making reading an integral part of daily life, RUJH is empowering its students to unlock the potential that lies within the pages of every book. Through initiatives like the Read-a-Thon, the school is not only shaping proficient readers but also fostering a sense of lifelong appreciation among students.

To create a strong love for reading, Redford Union School District encourages parents and families to continue instilling routine reading habits with their children. Here are a few tips to encourage reading habits in students:

- 1. **Create a Reading Routine:** Encourage students to set aside dedicated time each day for reading, whether it's before bedtime, during breaks, or during commute times.
- 2. **Foster a Reading-Friendly Environment:** Provide comfortable reading nooks in classrooms and libraries, stocked with a diverse array of books to cater to varied interests and reading levels.
- 3. **Lead by Example:** Teachers and parents can model reading behavior by visibly enjoying books themselves and discussing their reading experiences with students.
- 4. **Celebrate Reading:** Organize events like book fairs, author visits, and themed reading activities to make reading a fun and communal experience.

