Timeline for School-Aged Programs

**RECOMMENDED PROGRAM LENGTH:**

Blue Spruce/Peuplier:
4-6 weeks – the shorter timeframe for picture books helps younger readers remember all titles for voting.

Silver Birch Express, Silver Birch Fiction, Yellow Cedar, Red Maple, White Pine, Tamarac and Mélèze:
4-6 months

**OCTOBER & NOVEMBER**
- Register for the program after October 1.
- Nominated lists are announced October 15.
- Purchase at least one copy of each nominated book.
- Assemble a committee of staff, parents, and volunteers.
- Decide when you are going to run your program.
- Promote the program around the school/library and engage other teachers and library staff to build buzz for the program.

**DECEMBER**
- Kick off your Forest program!
- Visit the password website.
- Download resources to use and materials to decorate your reading area.
- Post details and timelines on your website and notify teachers and staff about important dates.
- Send home letters explaining the program to parents.
- Set up displays and begin motivational activities.
- Start reading!

**JANUARY**
- Keep on reading!
- Involve teachers, staff, parents, and others in the fun by sharing some of the amazing, ready-to-go resources on the password-protected website.
- Tickets for the Festival go on sale!
- Begin planning your field trip to the Festival.

**FEBRUARY**
- Let your readers know that voting is in April!
- Use the tracking sheets from the password website to track your readers’ progress and to ensure they have read the minimum number of books to qualify to vote.
- Get involved with our design contest! The deadline is April 1.

**MARCH**
- Voting! Only registrants can vote.
- Readers must read a minimum of 5 out of the 10 nominated titles, with the exception of Blue Spruce and Peuplier, where readers must read or be read to all 10 books, in order to qualify to vote.
- Voting is open for all of April.
- The Official Voting Day is April 23.
- Voting closes April 30.

**APRIL**
- Attend the Forest of Reading Festival!
- Award winners for the school-aged programs are announced at the Festival (English and French).
- Festival season is May 6 - May 14.

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