

# Makeables

## Pennants Activity Guide

Cheer on your readers with the activities below, which coordinate with Upstart's [Makeables Pennants Pattern Sheets](#).

**School-wide Reading Contest** Have classrooms compete to see which class can read the most minutes or the most books in a designated number of days.

Give each classroom a supply of Makeables Pennants. Have students decorate a pennant each time they read a book or a set amount of minutes. As students finish their pennants, hang them up around the classroom. The class that has the most pennants decorating their classroom at the end of the contest wins!

**Vote for Books** Hold an election and have students in your school or library vote for their favorite books.

What you need:

- Poster board or large sheets of paper to make posters advertising your election day or favorite candidate
- Crayons, markers or colored pencils
- Makeables Pennants
- Boxes or jars to hold the ballots

Prior to your designated election day, have students help make posters encouraging everyone to get out and vote

for their favorite books. Or, students can make posters to encourage others to vote for their favorite “candidate.”

Set out Makeables Pennants to use as ballots and have students decorate them and fill out the back with information about their favorite book. Collect all of the ballots by a designated date, and announce the winners. You can have a single winner, or winners in different categories such as Favorite Picture Book, Favorite Chapter Book, Favorite Nonfiction Book and more.

When the election is finished, use the pennants to decorate your school or library.

**Book Club Coloring Night** Invite students to read a designated book over a set period of time. Then, invite everyone to get together for a book club coloring night.

Hand out Makeables Pennants and have participants color the pennants and write what they liked about the book on the back. Then, hold a lively discussion about the book, with everyone sharing what they wrote. This activity can be used with any age group.