

Reading Olympics

Frequently Asked Questions

Please take a minute to review these frequently asked questions. If you don't find an answer to your question, send your question our way. We will answer ASAP and may add it to the FAQ because odds are someone else is wondering the same thing. Be sure to spend a few minutes with your child discussing how many books they need to read each month to earn their medal. Setting goals will help you stay on track throughout the year! Looking forward to a great year! LET'S GO FOR GOLD!

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Why Should We Participate in Reading Olympics

Reading Olympics is a reading enrichment program at Park Glen Elementary. The purpose of the program is to teach children that reading can be fun and rewarding. Reading Olympics also teaches children to set goals and work to achieve them.

Reading Logs – write the titles of book read on the log

What books are we allowed to read?

You can read books from any genre. You can select audio books, hard copy books, e-books, etc. We would like the students to read books that are at their current reading level. We will have monthly suggested topics, just for fun activities and a list of authors to try. These suggestions are not required but can serve as a guide to ensure your child is reading a variety of books.

What happened to the categories that were on the old log?

Reading a specific amount of books from a certain category is no longer required. We want you to find books with a variety of topics and try to discover books that your children enjoy. Each month the Olympic Challenge will provide a list of suggested topics to choose from to help you get started.

Why do the 3rd and 4th graders have to read less for gold than the K-2nd graders?

As students get older the books on their reading level get longer. A fourth grader may be reading a chapter book while a 1st grader is reading a story book. With this in mind and with the goal of encouraging students to enjoy reading, we tried to set realistic expectations regarding the quantity of books required.

My child wants to participate but they aren't able to read yet or they get very frustrated reading.

What can I do?

A great way to encourage children to love reading is to read to them. If your child is unable to read you can read to them. If your child is able to read but gets frustrated, divide up the reading with them to make it more manageable. Try saying, "I will read this page and you can try the next page." Modelling reading will really help them become more capable readers.

Does my 3rd/4th grader have to read only chapter books?

We want the kids to push themselves to become better readers. Reading Olympics should be fun and challenging. However, as a parent you can use your discretion based on their individual abilities. In addition, you can have your 3rd or 4th grader read some books to a younger sibling or friend then both students can log the book. Try to read as many books on their reading level as possible but most importantly keep them reading and trying new authors or topics.

OLYMPIC CHALLENGES – PICK UP AND TURN IN AT READING OLYMPICS TABLE

What are Olympic Challenges?

Each month we will have an Olympic Challenge with suggested topics, a just for fun idea and a list of authors who have a birthday that month. These things are all meant to broaden your horizons regarding the books you and your child choose and to keep reading interesting throughout the program. For the challenge, K-2 will read 6 books and 3-4 will read 4 books. You will need to be sure to log your books on your challenge form and your reading log. If the students complete all of the challenges and log the books they read on their reading log, they will be on track for a bronze medal. The challenges are designed to help you stay focused on reading each month. You will have to put in some extra effort to read enough for GOLD! Students who participate in the challenge will receive a small participation prize after each challenge.

Where do I get the Olympic Challenges?

Have your student swing by the Reading Olympics Table across from the bathrooms in the front hall for a hard copy or go to our website to print one at home. Pick up challenges anytime during the month. Each month's challenge is due on the last day of the month. For example, the September Olympic Challenge is due September 30th. Have your child turn in their challenges in the Reading Olympics Box on the Reading Olympics Table.

Do I have to do the Olympic Challenges to earn a medal on awards day?

The challenges are designed as an additional motivator and guide to bring you through the months until the end of the Olympics. You do not have to participate in challenges to win a medal. YOU MUST TURN IN YOUR COMPLETED LOG ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31st TO EARN A MEDAL.

Do I have to do all of the Olympic Challenges?

Since the challenges are meant as a tool to encourage you to remember to read, you can participate in whichever ones you need to help you move along. If there is a month where you need help staying on track, do a challenge. If there is a month where you can't add one more thing, skip that challenge. Be sure to stay on track to reach your goals. It is a great idea to know how many books your child needs to read each month to earn the medal they would like.

Is the Olympic Challenge the same as the 4th grade Reading Challenge?

No, they are not the same but your 4th grader can use the titles of books read for the 4th grade Reading Challenge on the Olympic Challenge Log and Reading Olympic Log.