

Summer Olympics Reading Program

Dear Parents,

In order to participate in the Summer Olympics Reading Program your child needs to read three books and record them on the commitment form. This sheet is due on the first day of school. There must be a parent's signature on the form in order for the books to count toward the summer goal. Every student who reads three books or more receives a certificate. The top reader in each grade receives special recognition during the summer reading party in August.

The main goal of the reading program is to build a lifelong love of reading and encountering God's world through literature. Another goal is for you, the parent, to use your child's reading as an opportunity to interact and ask key questions such as: Did you enjoy the book? What was the book about? Who were the characters in the book, and which one was your favorite? What qualities or characteristics caused this to be your favorite character? Where did the story take place? Did you see any Christ-like qualities in any of the characters? By asking simple questions, you show your child that you value his or her reading, and also help to build critical thinking skills.

The requirements for the summer reading program are as follows:

1. Students entering the first grade may have **all** their books read aloud to them. If a student entering first grade reads independently, he or she receives double credit. If you are the parent of an incoming first grader, please notate on the form if your child reads the book independently.
2. Students entering the second grade may choose **one** book to have read aloud to them. All other grades need to choose books to read independently.
3. Students may select **any** three books that are on or above their current grade level, or one grade level below. The color coding system used by the public library to show the grade level of a book is as follows: First Grade – Red, Second Grade – Pink, Third Grade – Yellow, Fourth Grade – Orange, Fifth Grade – Green, Sixth Grade – Blue and Seventh and Above – White. You can also use the following website to help you determine a book's reading level: www.arbookfind.com. If you wish to check the content of a book you can go to www.factsonfiction.org for information.
4. **Students may also choose to listen to their books.** There are several websites that offer audio books for free. Two of these are storynory.com and librivox.org.
5. We want to encourage your child to read longer books; therefore credit for books over 149 pages will be given. Books with 150 – 249 pages receive two book credits; books with 250 – 349 pages receive three book credits, etc. The number of book credits continues to increase at the rate of one book credit per 100 additional pages.
6. Books of the Bible also count for summer reading. A breakdown of the book credits for each book is attached.
7. One book credit for each completed written book report is also available. Book report forms are available on the web site.
8. There are several comprehension guides available for books in the Eastwood library that give triple the point value of each book. For example, if a book is worth three book credits, the completed comprehension guide is worth nine additional book credits. The guides must be turned in with the reading form. These can be requested on the summer library permission form.
9. If you ordered a copy of Vacation Stations, your child may complete it and then count this workbook as three books.
10. Students who subscribe to the summer children's editions of God's World News may count the completion of each edition as one book. These may be ordered online at gwnews.com.
11. Students are allowed to begin checking out multiple books for summer reading from the school library during the final week of school. All books checked out during the final week of school are due the first day back at school in August. Students can turn them in to their teacher at this time.

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Summer Olympic Reading Commitment Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____

1.	Title:			
	Author:		Total Pages:	

2.	Title:			
	Author:		Total Pages:	

3.	Title:			
	Author:		Total Pages:	

4.	Title:			
	Author:		Total Pages:	

5.	Title:			
	Author:		Total Pages:	

6.	Title:			
	Author:		Total Pages:	

7.	Title:			
	Author:		Total Pages:	

8.	Title:			
	Author:		Total Pages:	

PLEDGE: "On my honor, I have read these books entirely."

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

Old Testament Book Credits

Genesis - 4
Exodus - 5
Leviticus - 5
Numbers - 5
Deuteronomy - 5
Joshua - 3
Judges - 3
Ruth - 2
1 Samuel - 4
2 Samuel - 4
1 Kings - 4
2 Kings - 4
1 Chronicles - 4
2 Chronicles - 4
Ezra - 3
Nehemiah - 3
Esther - 2
Job - 4
Psalms - 5
Proverbs - 3
Ecclesiastes - 2
Song of Solomon - 2
Isaiah - 5
Jeremiah - 5
Lamentations - 2
Ezekiel - 5
Daniel - 3
Hosea - 2
Joel - 2
Amos - 2
Obadiah - 2
Jonah - 2
Micah - 2
Nahum - 2
Habakkuk - 2
Zephaniah - 2
Haggai - 2
Zechariah - 2
Malachi - 2

New Testament Book Credits

Matthew - 4
Mark - 4
Luke - 4
John - 4
Acts - 4
Romans - 5
1 Corinthians - 3
2 Corinthians - 3
Galatians - 2
Ephesians - 2
Philippians - 2
1 Thessalonians - 2
2 Thessalonians - 2
2 Thessalonians - 2
1 Timothy - 2
2 Timothy - 2
Titus - 1
Philemon - 1
Hebrews - 3
James - 2
1 Peter - 2
2 Peter - 1
1 John - 1
2 John - 1
3 John - 1
Jude - 1
Revelation - 5