

# ***ECS Olympic Reading Program***

## **Details of the Program:**

- This is a voluntary program for all 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. There is a substantial amount of reading required of our students. However, we encourage students to read “on the side”. This program is one way to do that.
- The program runs from the first day of school until the first Wednesday in May.
- The program counts the number of book credits. Credits are given for every book read. Additional credits are given for longer books, for completion of comprehension questionnaires, and for book reports.
- The program DOES NOT have a required reading list. Instead, the students are encouraged to read books that interest them.

Students are allowed to read books from the following:

1. The ECS library
  2. The public library
  3. Purchased books from the students family library
  4. Books of the Bible
- Students should read books at their reading grade level. They are allowed to read above their reading grade level and one level below their reading grade level. For example: a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader may read 2<sup>nd</sup> grade books, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade books, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade and above books.

The ECS Library books are labeled with a colored dot according to reading grade levels:

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade – red dot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – purple dot
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – yellow dot
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade- orange dot
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade- green dot
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade- blue dot
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade- black or white dot

The public libraries use the same colored dot system.

The following are helpful websites that are available to parents and students:

1. [WWW.ARBOOKFIND.COM](http://WWW.ARBOOKFIND.COM) This site allows you to check a books reading grade level. Type in the title of the book or author. The BL# is the reading grade level. The first number is the grade level and the second number is the month. For Example: a BL# of 1.9 translates to 1<sup>st</sup> grade 9<sup>th</sup> month. This site does not include all books.
2. [WWW.FACTSONFICTION.ORG](http://WWW.FACTSONFICTION.ORG) This site allows you to check the content of books.

## **Reporting Books Read:**

- Please use the attached form to list each book your student reads. A supply of these can be found in the box outside the library.
- The forms must be turned into the library.
- The forms can be turned in any time during the reading period and no later than the dates listed on the last page.
- Forms should be neat and legible.
- Complete all information on the form. Please record the title of the book, the name of the author, and the total number of pages in the book.

Students get more credit for reading longer books:

- If a student reads a book with 150 pages –250 pages they receive credit for reading 2 books.
- If a student reads a book with 251 pages –350 pages they receive credit for reading 3 books, etc.
- The number of book credits continues to increase at the rate of one per 100 additional pages.
  
- Students may also receive one book credit for each completed book report. A book report form is attached and can also be found on the web site. Some of the library books have comprehension forms available. One book credit is given for each completed comprehension form. Check with the parent volunteer librarian at Eastwood to determine the books that have these available.
  
- In class reading does not count towards the Reading Olympic goal unless approved by the teacher.

**Olympic Reading Goals:**

- Book goals have been divided into three levels – Gold, Silver, and Bronze
  
- The program has THREE READING PERIODS. At the end of each reading period, a reward is given!! To qualify for a reward, the student must meet the bronze reading period goal. Yearly awards will be given at the Olympic Reading Awards Ceremony in May.

Reading Period Goals:

| Grade                             | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 5    | 4      | 3      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> | 4    | 3      | 2      |

Yearly Reading Goal

| Grade                             | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 15   | 12     | 9      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> | 12   | 9      | 6      |

**Reading Olympic Forms are due on the following dates:**

The first Wednesday in November

The first Wednesday in February

The first Wednesday in May