

2011 Summer Olympics Reading Program

Dear Parents,

In order to participate in the 2011 Summer Olympics Reading Program your child needs to read three books and record them on the attached sheet. This sheet is due on Monday, August 15, 2011. There must be a parent's signature on the attached 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 their reading while also helping 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. 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.
2. The student may select **any** three books that are on/or above the student's 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. A suggested reading list is available on our website, www.eastwoodschoo.org.
3. We want to encourage your child to read longer books; therefore credit for books over 149 pages will be given. Books with 150 – 250 pages will receive credit for two books, books with 251 – 350 pages will receive credit for three books and books with 351 pages or greater will receive credit for four books.
4. If you ordered a copy of Vacation Stations, your child may complete it and then count this workbook as two books.

5. If your child reads and complete the activities in all three issues of "Summer Times" from God's World News, he or she may count this as one book.

Our library will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:

June 1, June 8, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, and August 10.