

# READING OLYMPICS 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Reading Olympics has changed! George White will no longer track minutes on a monthly reading log. Instead, the new Reading Olympics incentive program will focus on monitoring reading comprehension. By taking and passing Reading Counts Quizzes at school, students in grades 3-5 will be able to answer the most important question, "Did you understand the book?"

**What is Reading Counts?** Reading Counts (also known as SRC) is a computer-based reading comprehension and reading incentive program. Students are able to demonstrate understanding of their reading books by taking quizzes at school. They are rewarded *throughout the year* for their reading efforts.

**How does Reading Counts work?** Children choose a fiction or nonfiction book to read. After completing the book, they notify their teacher. Their teacher will give them time to take a 10 question multiple choice comprehension quiz on a Chromebook in the classroom or in the computer lab. When children pass the comprehension quiz with a 70% or above, they earn points. If the student does not pass the quiz the first time, he or she should review the book and attempt the quiz another day. Reading Counts allows students three attempts to pass a quiz. Monthly Reading Counts reports will be sent home, informing parents of students' quiz progress.

**Can my child read any book? Do all books have quizzes?** Reading Counts is a program with over 45,000 quizzes on fiction and nonfiction books. While there may not be quizzes for all books, 90% of the books your child encounters will have quizzes. If you would like to know if a book has a quiz and how many points a book is worth, you can Google the information by typing Reading Counts- Book Expert or visit the Students tab>Student Links section on the George White website.

If students read a book and there is not an available Reading Counts Quiz, students may create their own 10 question quiz with answers. Student-created quizzes should be turned in to the teacher with the student's name, title of book, author, and parent signature. Reading Coordinators will review the quiz and add points to the student's Reading Olympics point total.

**How does my child earn rewards?** Points are earned each time your child passes a Reading Counts Quiz. Longer, more challenging books will be worth more points; shorter books with a lower Lexile level will be worth less points. The points accumulate with each quiz that is passed.

Reading Counts Awards	Olympic Blue Ring Bookmark	Olympic Black Ring Bookmark	Olympic Red Ring Bookmark	Olympic Green Ring Bookmark	Gold Medal	Associate certificate End of year party	Bachelors certificate End of year party	Masters Certificate End of year party	Doctorate certificate End of year party	School Record Magazine Subscription
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Points	25	50	80	105	<b>140</b>	170	200	230	260	Most points earned by a Grade 3-5 student
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Points	30	60	90	130	<b>170</b>	210	250	290	330	
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Points	35	65	105	150	<b>200</b>	250	300	350	400	

Bookmarks matching the Olympic Ring colors: passed out in your child’s classroom as your child earns them.

Gold Medal: students are awarded the Gold Medal at the Thursday Morning Blacktop Spirit Assembly the month or the following month that your child earns the grade level point requirement. A notice will be sent home to notify you of the date.

Associate, Bachelors, Masters, OR Doctorate Certificates: the highest-level certificate a child earns by the end of the school year will be presented at the final Thursday Morning Blacktop Spirit Assembly. These students will be invited to a party to take place during the school day. Day and time TBD.

**What if my child isn’t motivated by bookmarks or a Gold Medal?** To further encourage our readers to take the Reading Counts Quizzes, we will *also* offer Reading Olympics Recesses for students who reach the grade level 10 week point goal. A Reading Olympic Recess will take place after a 10 week time period, typically on a Friday, from 1:30-2:05. Specific dates of these extra recesses will be shared via George White Listservs.

<b>Reading Olympics Recess- points needed to attend</b>	Term 1 10 school week period ending on Nov. 30	Term 2 10 school week period Dec.3 - Feb. 22	Term 3 10 school week period Feb. 25 -May 10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade points	20	20	20
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade points	25	25	25
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade points	30	30	30

While the Reading Counts points accumulate throughout the school year and help students earn bookmarks, a medal, and possibly a certificate and party, the Olympic Recesses are handled differently. Points do not carry over from each 10 week period; after 10 weeks, points reset to zero. For example, if a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student earns 100 points by Nov. 30, he or she has earned enough points to be invited to the first Olympic Recess. If that student only earns 10 points in the second term (by Feb. 22), he or she will not have made the Term 2 point goal needed to attend the second Olympic Recess.

### **Reading Counts Guidelines**

\*All Reading Counts quizzes must be taken during school hours under the supervision of a teacher.

\*Reading Counts quizzes can only be taken for books read during the summer and current school year.

\*Reading Counts points do not carry over from school year to school year.

The PTA funds the Reading Counts computer program and the rewards. It is your support of the PTA that makes a difference and makes the Reading Counts program possible.

Thank you!

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