

Reading Olympics



K-2nd Grade

Reading Olympics has changed! George White will no longer track minutes on a monthly reading log. Instead, students in grades K-2 will listen to books, read books and take quizzes using Raz-Kids as a reading incentive.

What is Raz-Kids? Raz-Kids is an online leveled library full of fun and interactive texts for your child to read and explore. Using Kids A-Z, students can improve their reading skills by listening for modeled fluency, reading for practice, recording their reading, and checking comprehension with quizzes. Raz-Kids' animated leveled books and interactive quizzes give students choices. On Raz-Kids, students listen to books read aloud, read with vocabulary and pronunciation support, and read without support. They will have the freedom to select from a variety of different books within their reading range. The best part is that students can practice reading to improve comprehension, vocabulary and reading fluency *anywhere* with Internet access. There is also an App!

Using Raz-Kids In order to make progress and earn Reading Olympics rewards, students should complete two or more books each week outside of school. Students should select a book of their choice at their assigned level in the **Level Up** room. They will need to listen to the book first, read the book independently if possible, and then take and pass the book's comprehension quiz. (Because students are reading at their independent levels, they are expected to score 80% or better the first time.) Beginning readers may need help from an adult even after listening to the book and that's okay. Please let your child's teacher know if your child is unable to read the books independently at the level they are currently placed or if the books are too easy.

Helpful Hints

- You will only make progress toward the next reading level IF you are reading from your **Level Up** room.
- You must **listen to, read, and pass every quiz** for books in your Level Up room before you can graduate to the next level on Raz-Kids.
- **To go back in the text while taking a quiz**, click the book icon in the top right corner of your quiz. This will save your progress but allow you to find evidence to support your thinking before you answer.
- Some texts don't have a built in book icon yet... but don't worry! Simply open the book in another tab, window, or browser and bounce between the text and the quiz.

How and when does my child earn rewards? Rewards will be given throughout the school year based on how many Raz-Kids books they read.

RAZ Kids Books Completed K-2	Olympic Blue Ring Bookmark	Olympic Black Ring Bookmark	Olympic Red Ring Bookmark	Olympic Green Ring Bookmark	Gold Medal	Associates 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 K-2 Magazine Subscription
K, 1st & 2 nd Grade	20	30	40	50	60	100	125	150	200	Most books completed out of all K-2 students

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 Spirit Assembly that month or the following month. 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 Morning Reading Olympics Blacktop Assembly. These students who continued to pass quizzes after earning the Gold Medal will be invited to a party to take place during the school day.

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

Reading Olympics Recess -Number of books Needed to Attend	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
K, 1 st & 2 nd grade	20 books completed	20 books completed	20 books completed

While the number of Raz-Kids books read accumulate throughout the school year and help students earn bookmarks, a medal, and possibly a certificate and party, the Olympic Recesses are handled differently. The number of books completed (listened to, read and passed quizzes) do not carry over from each 10 week period; after 10 weeks, the number of books completed reset to zero. For example, if a 1st grade student completes 40 books by Nov. 30, he or she has read enough books to be invited to the first Olympic Recess. If that student only completes 10 books in the second term (by Feb. 22), he or she will not have made the Term 2 book goal needed to attend the second Olympic Recess.

How will I check my child’s progress on Raz-Kids? If you would like to receive activity and progress reports for your child and send him or her messages, you can register for parent access from your child's teacher. Once the teacher approves access, you can view reports and send your child messages by clicking on the parent link at the top of the screen at www.kidsa-z.com. Please see the attached Raz-Kids parent letter for more details about access.

The PTA funds Raz-Kids and the materials needed to motivate students and communicate to parents how their child performs. It is your support of the PTA that makes a difference and makes the Raz-Kids comprehensive leveled digital reading resource possible.

Thank you!

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