



Readers R Leaders

Introduces:

The Olympic Reading Challenge

"Going for the Gold" Reading Program

2011/2012

Hello to all! We are happy and excited to introduce the Olympic Reading Challenge for the Ames Student Community. This reading incentive program is built around the Olympic Spirit of Achievement, Team Support and Sportsmanship. Your students will soon be participating in the Reading Olympic Opening Ceremony at Ames. We hope it encourages our kids to read more than they already do, and that it fosters a long-lasting love of reading.

Here is how it will work:

Attached is a reading tracker for the month of October. A sheet like this will be available on E-Backpack every month. The students will have a set goal each month to read 20 minutes a night for 5 out of 7 nights. There are 5 boxes for each week on the tracker. Each time your student completes the 20 minutes of reading they should put an "X" in one of the appropriate the boxes until they have 5 checked for each week. It does not matter which 5 days of the week they read, we just want them to get 5 boxes with an "X" each week.

Each student turns in the tracker on the due date so that they get the proper acknowledgement from their teacher and their Olympic Team Mates. As they progress, they will earn the rings of the Olympic Symbol as Follows:

Earn **Blue** for Completing October

Earn **Yellow** for Completing November

Earn **Black** for Completing December

Earn **Green** for Completing January

Earn **Red** for Completing February

Lastly in March there will be a classroom goal – Earning a prize.

The earning of the rings will be tracked in each classroom. During the program there are several incentives. If your student completes October and November goals they will be invited to an Olympic size ice cream party in December. Then after completing January and February there will be a similar incentive. All of this will culminate in our "Closing Ceremony and Wacky Olympics in April. During our closing ceremony any student who completed 5 months will be presented with a gold medal, students completing 4 months will receive a silver medal and those who completed 3 months will receive a bronze medal. Make sure your student earns the Gold and most of all enjoys the Reading Olympics. Remember **Readers R Leaders!**

If any one has any questions please feel free to contact Angie Reilley, 708-447-4845.