

READING OLYMPICS

Saint Katharine of Siena School

2017-2018

What is Reading Olympics?

Reading Olympics is designed to promote teamwork, self-confidence, and reading for FUN! The assigned book list is created for students of all reading abilities and interests. This reading enrichment program is for students in 4th and 5th grade and is optional.

Reading Olympics will work in teams to collectively read from the assigned list of 40 books during the school year. Team members will then go to the annual competition and be asked questions in a quiz-style format about the books and will earn points for their team.



Meetings

The team will meet once a week in the library during lunch recess from October to RO competition date. During the Reading Olympics meetings, students will discuss the books they have read, work on reading comprehension, and prepare for the culminating quiz-style competition.



Competition

- Reading Olympics Competition will take place in late March/early April. Date and location TBD.
- All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the competition.
- The competition takes place at a local Delaware County School.

Qualifications

Reading Olympians must...

- ✓ be a 4th or 5th grade student
- ✓ read a minimum of **6 books** from the list before the competition date
- ✓ attend weekly meetings
- ✓ complete comprehension book quizzes from www.bookadventure.com
- ✓ have a positive attitude and be a good team player
- ✓ fee \$25.00 per student
- ✓ all students will receive a t-shirt and participate in assigned dress down days

Reading Olympics

Dear 4th and 5th Grade Students (and Parents/Guardians),

Do you like to read? Do you want to be part of a team? Would you like to join Reading Olympics?

All 4th and 5th grade students have the opportunity to join the Delaware County Reading Olympics Team representing St. Katharine of Siena School. Reading Olympics (RO) is a **voluntary** program that encourages a love of reading. It culminates in a friendly competition where students from different schools in the Delaware County area have the opportunity to display their knowledge of the books read in a game show setting. The competition is fast paced, exciting and challenging. It requires students to work collaboratively as a team so that all the books have been read, thus giving the team an in-depth knowledge of all the books on the list. Students will become an expert in certain books and their teammates will rely on their knowledge during the competition. All participants are rewarded ribbons, and teams that excel are awarded blue ribbons. The experience is rewarding for all students involved. The competition is usually held one evening in March/April 2018 (the exact date and location will be announced closer to the event).

Attached, you will find a list that contains all the books that will be eligible for the competition. Participation of our team requires a commitment to read as many of these books as possible and be prepared to answer questions about them. The Saint Katharine RO team of 4th and 5th graders will begin to meet every other week in the Fall. **Meetings will take place during recess/lunch twice a month and then every week as we get closer to the competition date.** During our lunch meetings, coaches will expect to see an increased number of books/pages read by each student. Students will be monitored for progress, work in cooperative review groups, and help quiz each other for book content knowledge.

If you think you would like to join the 4th & 5th Grade SKS Reading Olympics Team, then please review the following qualifications:

- Read a minimum of 6 book from the attached RO list
- Complete online quizzes from www.bookadventure.com to practice comprehension
- Fill out the attached student contract/parent permission slip and **\$25 fee** and turn it in to Mrs. D'Agostino or Mrs. Stefan by Friday, September 15, 2017.

We look forward to a year filled with good reading and teamwork!

Sincerely,

Jill D'Agostino & Alexa Stefan

2017-2018 Reading Olympics 4th and 5th Grade

Student Contract:

I, _____ understand that in order to join the 4th and 5th
(student name) Grade SKS Reading Olympics Team, I will:

- Read multiple books (at least 6) from the RO list this school year
- Engage in comprehension questions and quizzes
- Compete at the 2018 Reading Olympics Competition
- Meet with my team **once a week during recess/lunch periods**
- Do my best to contribute to the team

I, _____ understand that in order to attend and participate in the
(student name) final culminating Reading Olympics competition, then I must read **at least 6 books** from the list and pass the comprehension tests for those selected book titles.

Student Signature

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Parent Permission Slip:

_____ has my permission to participate in the Reading
(child's name) Olympics Competition during the 2017-2018 school year.

HR Teacher Name and Grade: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Parent phone number: _____

I have included the \$25.00 fee for my child's participation (**checks made payable to Jill D'Agostino**)

Parent e-mail address (please write clearly):

_____.

We will be sending out all notices regarding the competition date and location via e-mail. Please provide an e-mail address that you check on a regular basis!

****Return to this form and the \$25.00 fee to Mrs. D'Agostino or Mrs. Stefan by September 15, 2017.**

