

Summer, 2009

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Beginning in grade four, your child is eligible to participate in Reading Olympics. The goal of Reading Olympics is to increase students' reading for enjoyment. This event encourages students of all reading levels to share the excitement of reading good books with friends. Participating students collaborate with their teammates to read 45 books selected by a committee of librarians, reading specialists and classroom teachers. Students are NOT required to read all 45 books. For example, if the team consists of 12 members, then each student would be responsible to read approximately 4 books. There are occasional meetings of the teams to monitor progress, etc. The culminating event is held in April. All participants are awarded ribbons.

For your convenience, the Reading Olympic booklist is attached so you can preview the books. Please note, because this list includes a wide range of reading levels, your child may NOT be able to independently read many of the titles listed. Therefore, you are encouraged to read and discuss the books WITH your child.

In addition, your child will also have an opportunity to register for Reading Olympics at school in the fall. If you would like more information, or to register your child for next year, visit the Reading Olympic link on the Colonial School District website, [www.colonialsd.org](http://www.colonialsd.org).

Respectfully,  
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## Reading Olympics 2010 Elementary Book List

Title	Author
2095: The Time Warp Trio	Scieszka, John
Artemis Fowl	Colfer, Eoin
Best School Year Ever, The	Robinson, Barbara
Big Wave	Buck, Pearl
Bloomability	Creech, Sharon
Boggart, The	Cooper, Susan
Catherine Called Birdy	Cushman, Karen
Edison Mystery: Qwerty Stevens, Back in Time, The	Gutman, Dan
Eggs	Spinelli, Jerry
Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat	Jonnell, Lynne
Francie	English, Karen
Ghost Cadet	Alphin, Elaine
Gold-Threaded Dress, The	Marden, Carolyn
Henry's Freedom Box	Levine, Ellen
I Got a "D" in Salami	Winkler, Henry
Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher	Coville, Bruce
Kickoff!	Barber, Tiki
Lightning Thief, The	Riordan, Rick
Lyddie	Patterson, Katherine
Magnificent Mummy Maker	Woodruff, Elvira
Maniac Magee	Spinelli, Jerry
Music of Dolphins, The	Hesse, Karen
Once on This Island	Whelan, Gloria
Phantom Tollbooth, The	Juster, Norton
Ragweed	Avi
Report Card, The	Clements, Andrew
Rowan of Rin	Rodda, Emily
Secret of Platform 13, The	Ibbotson, Eva
Seeing Stone: The (The Spiderwick Chronicles Book 2)	DiTerlizzi, Tony
Snow Treasure	McSwigan, Marie
Soccer Halfback	Christopher, Matt
Song of the Trees	Taylor, Mildred
Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread	DiCamillo, Kate
There's an Owl in the Shower	George, Jean
Thirteen Ways to Sink a Sub	Gilson, Jamie
This Island Isn't Big Enough for the Four of Us	Greer, Gary
View from Saturday, The	Konigsburg, E.L.
Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker	Lasky, Kathryn
Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story	Hahn, Mary Downing
War with Grandpa, The	Smith, Robert Kimmel
Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963, The	Curtis, Christopher Paul
When Marian Sang: True Recital of Marian Anderson, The	Ryan, Pam Munoz
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town	Holt, Kimberly Willis
Winners Take All	Bowen, Fred
Yolanda's Genius	Fenner, Carol