

Summer, 2009

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Beginning in grade 6, your child is eligible to participate in Reading Olympics at the Junior Level. 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 Olympics booklist is attached so you can preview the books. Please note this list includes a wide range of reading levels.

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 Olympics link on the Colonial School District website, [www.colonialsd.org](http://www.colonialsd.org).

Respectfully,  
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## Reading Olympics 2010 Middle School Book List

Title	Author
100 year-old Secret, The	Barrett, Tracy
Ajeemah and his Son	Berry, James
Alice in Rapture, Sort Of	Naylor, Phyllis
Among the Hidden	Haddix, Margaret Peterson
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	Frank, Anne
Black Star, Bright Dawn	O'Dell, Scott
Boy Who Saved Baseball, The	Ritter, John H.
Burning Up	Cooney, Caroline
Cay, The	Taylor, Theodore
Cleopatra VII: Daughter of the Nile	Gregory, Kristiana
Contender, The	Lipsyte, Robert
Countdown	Mikaelsen, Ben
Cracker Jackson	Byars, Betsy
Dateline: Troy	Fleischman, Paul
December Stillness	Hahn, Mary Downing
Double Dutch	Draper, Sharon M.
Dragon's Keep	Carey, Janet Leet
Eagle Strike	Horowitz, Anthony
Ender's Shadow	Card, Orson Scott
Escape! The Story fo the Great Houdini	Fleischman, Sid
Fever 1793	Anderson, Laurie Halse
Gregor the Overlander	Collins, Suzanne
Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons	Rinaldi, Ann
Jip, his Story	Paterson, Katherine
Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories...	Sceiszka, Jon
Leaving Protection	Hobbs, Will
Locomotion	Woodson, Jacqueline
Long Way From Chicago: A Novel in Stories	Peck, Robert
Midnight for Charlie Bone	Nimmo, Jenny
Monkey Island	Fox, Paula
Notes From a Midnight Driver	Sonnenblick, Jordan
Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place, The	Konigsburg, E.L.
Outsiders, The	Hinton, S.E.
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science	Fleischman, John
Phoenix Rising	Hesse, Karen
Ruins of Gorlan, The	Flanagan, John
Say Goodnight, Gracie	Deaver, Julie
Schooled	Korman, Gordon
So B. It	Weeks, Sarah
Spying on Miss Muller	Bunting, Eve
Stalker, The	Nixon, Joan Lowery
Supernaturalist, The	Colfer, Eoin
Surviving the Applewhites	Tolan, Stephanie S.
Wolf Speaker	Pierce, Tamora
Yellow Star	Roy, Jennifer