

## Welcome to Reading Olympics!

*Your student has expressed an interest in participating in the 2020-2021 Reading Olympics Program!*

**Please read the information below and return the signature section on the back.**

### **What is Reading Olympics?**

Reading Olympics is a reading competition facilitated by the Bucks County IU in which students work as a team to read a list of 25 books, then compete against other Bucks County schools by answering questions about their reading. Points are earned for each correct answer, and prizes are awarded based on the number of points earned.

### **Who can participate?**

Any interested Gayman 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade student.

### **When does Reading Olympics meet?**

- Reading Olympics has **optional events** (like our Book Club sessions) that will be held virtually (through Teams) or after school. Information about these events will be communicated to students closer to the club.
- **Required meetings** (Team organizational meetings, team practice, etc.) all occur during the school day or after school via Teams Meetings.

### **What happens during a Reading Olympics Meeting?**

Our meetings are used to:

- Build Community.
- Form teams.
- Track books read by team members.
- Share information about competition format.
- Share information about upcoming events.
- Share about the books we've read!
- Practice for competition.



## How are teams formed?

Teams are formed collaboratively between team coaches and students. We make every effort to ensure that each competitor will be placed on a team that is comfortable and will provide a positive experience for them.

## Team Captains:

Each team designates a captain who is generally the student who has read the most books on the team (unless they decline the invitation). Some teams decide to share the captain position between 2 or 3 members.

## Reading Olympics Competition information:

- Reading Olympics competition will again be virtual this year. What does this mean!?
  - Our teams will meet after school at Gayman in April to compete as a group against other teams in Bucks County using Kahoot software to answer questions in a quiz-style format.
  - The competition window is April 19-22. The exact date competition date for each team will be determined in January.

## Expenses:

Gayman's Home and School Association has generously offered to cover the cost of the books and registration for Reading Olympics.

Information on purchasing optional items (such as team T-shirts) will be sent home as we get closer to the competition date.

Please contact Mrs. Thomas or Ms. Meier if you have any financial concerns.

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***Communication is very important to the success of the Reading Olympics program! Please check the Gayman Gazette and our Reading Olympics website for reminders about upcoming events, updates on competition dates, and more!***

**To ensure a strong start to our program, please tear off this slip and sign below so Mrs. Thomas knows that this information has been shared with you!**

\_\_\_\_\_ (student name)

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