

Dear Parents & Guardians of 4th & 5th Grade Students,

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

The Global Reading Challenge is upon us! This will be our 17th year participating in this event sponsored by the Seattle Public Library!

Global Reading Challenge Objectives:

- Promote a love of reading
- Introduce children to a wide variety of literature and multicultural reading materials
- Encourage reading for retention
- Encourage group activities and team work
- Provide a positive experience between children, librarians, teachers, parents, & books

The program is similar to “Battle of the Books” where teams read 10 books representing a wide variety of reading levels and answer questions based on specific factual and content information found within those books. Once we have a school winner, a Semi-Final Challenge will be held at the Central Branch of the Seattle Public Library. The winning branch teams will then compete in the Grand Challenge City Finals.

View Ridge is able to form 10 teams of students-7 members per team. Teams need to have a variety of reading abilities. Once teams are formed students will pick their team name and begin forming their strategies for competing. For example, will all the team members read all the books, some of the books, or really get to know 2 books?

Although the actual in school challenge is Thursday, February 8th, the reading must be done outside of school beginning in mid-November. **Students who sign up for the Global Reading Challenge must commit to it and stick with it.** Certainly regular class work and homework come first, but this is not an average extra-curricular activity and only dedicated students should apply. Parents and guardians need to be certain that this is something they can allow their child to participate in and would see that s/he makes the commitment to do. If you are ready to sign up, please fill out the bottom of this form and return to the library by Tuesday, November 7th.

Students who do not meet the November 7th deadline will not be allowed to participate.

Teams will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the library on Thursday, Nov. 9th and teams will start meeting when we return from Thanksgiving Break.

The in-school challenge will be in the afternoon on **February 8th**, and the Semi-Finals located downtown are usually schedule for the 1st or 2nd week in March.

Finally, by signing up and participating in the Global Reading Challenge you are giving permission for your child’s picture to be displayed on school bulletin boards both within the library and the halls. If you do not want your child’s picture to be displayed, please contact me privately.

Sincerely,

Amy Young, librarian

_____ has my permission to join in the Global Reading Challenge.

Room Number _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Parent/Guardian email _____