

Dear EMC Families,

The fourth and fifth grade students at EMC Elementary School, are invited to become a member of our Reading Olympics Team. Reading Olympics is a countywide reading event that encourages students to read! Each team will consist of approximately twelve students. The team members will share the responsibility for reading the 25 books from a selected list, and then they will compete as a team against other schools in Montgomery County. Each student on our team will be expected to read at least five of the titles on the list. Our library has multiple copies of these books which will be available for the students to sign out.

This year the final event will be held in the evening from 5:30-8:30. The venue and date are yet to be determined, but will be held in March. The event is more of a celebration of reading rather than a contest. All participants are awarded ribbons. The teams generate so much excitement about this reading event, making the experience rewarding for everyone involved!

Please see the attached list for our meeting dates and times. Transportation to the meetings will be the responsibility of parents/guardians.

We are excited about the Reading Olympics Club at EMC and look forward to a positive experience and lots of great reading for our students. Please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return to school by **Friday, December 5th**. Our first meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 18th at 8:00 am in the library**.

Sincerely,
Dr. Hanrahan
Reading Olympic Coordinator



My child _____ has my permission to participate in the Reading Olympics Club for the 2025-2026 school year. I am able to bring my child to the morning meetings held at 8:00 am.

(signature of parent/guardian)

(child's teacher)

(phone number)

(email address)

T-shirt size: Please circle YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

Reading Olympics Meetings for 2025-2026

Drop off at the bus door at 8am

Please have students wait in the car until a teacher is at the door to let the students in.

December 18, 2025

January 8, 2026

January 29, 2026

February 12, 2026

February 26, 2026

March 5, 2026

Reading Olympics Evening Competition

TBD- March 2026



****If there is a weather related late arrival for school,**



Reading Olympics will be canceled.





2026 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOK LIST

TITLE	AUTHOR	NEW TO LIST FOR 2026?
<i>Amina's Voice</i>	Khan, Hena	
<i>Ban This Book</i>	Gratz, Alan	NEW
<i>Dogs on Duty</i>	Patent, Dorothy H.	
<i>Hazardous Tales: The Underground Abductor</i>	Hale, Nathan	
<i>Henry's Freedom Box</i>	Levine, Ellen	
<i>I Survived the Japanese Tsunami (I Survived #8)</i>	Tarshis, Lauren	
<i>Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher</i>	Coville, Bruce	
<i>Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle</i>	Nivola, Clair	
<i>Maniac Magee</i>	Spinelli, Jerry	
<i>Ms. Bixby's Last Day</i>	Anderson, John David	
<i>Noelle at Sea: A Titanic Survival Story (Girls Survive)</i>	Smith, Nikki Shannon	NEW
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lowry, Lois	NEW
<i>Pie</i>	Weeks, Sarah	
<i>Separate is Never Equal</i>	Tonatiuh, Duncan	
<i>Spy School</i>	Gibs, Stewart	NEW
<i>Stargazing</i>	Wang, Jen	
<i>Sunny Side Up</i>	Holm, Jennifer and Matt	
<i>Tale of Despereaux</i>	DiCamillo, Kate	
<i>Hero Two Doors Down, The</i>	Robinson, Sharon	
<i>Lightening Thief, The</i>	Riordan, Rick	
<i>One and Only Ivan, The</i>	Applegate, Katherine	
<i>Report Card, The</i>	Clements, Andrew	
<i>Watsons Go to Birmingham, The</i>	Curtis, Christopher Paul	
<i>Three Times Lucky</i>	Turnage, Shelia	
<i>Wonder</i>	Palacio, R.J.	NEW