

## **Reading Olympics Program**

The purpose of the Reading Olympics program is to encourage children to read more than they currently do, read a greater variety of books, and enjoy the excitement of reading and talking about books. Reading Olympics inspires students to become lifelong readers, while the team format encourages reading with friends.

For six months prior to the Reading Olympics Competition Night (usually held in late April), students read from a prepared list of approximately 45 books. Each team consists of 8-14 students. Weekly meetings are held in the library to ensure that students are reading the required books and to participate in mock rounds of questioning in preparation for the final event. During the final competition, all teams from various elementary schools around Bucks County participate in three rounds of questioning. Teams are never eliminated. At the end of the evening, colored ribbons are awarded to each student depending on the number of points (correct answers) their team earned during the evening.

### **Fourth Grade:**

Every other week for 25 minutes, students meet with their advisor to participate in mock competitions as teams, answering questions about books from a prepared list of approximately 45 books. Time is allotted for book discussions and book exchange. (approx. 10 meetings prior to competition night)

### **Fifth Grade:**

Every other week for 25 minutes, students meet with their advisor to participate in mock competitions as teams, answering questions about books from a prepared list of approximately 45 books. Time is allotted for book discussions and book exchange. (approx. 10 meetings prior to competition night)

### **Competition Night: (3:15 pm-9:30 pm)**

On the night of the competition, students attend a pre-competition event in the library, then at 4:30 board busses to take them to the school specified by the BCIU organizers. After a night of competitive questioning and awards, the bus returns to the school around 9:30 pm.