Welcome to the new Reading Olympics! We know that building life-long literacy skills is a marathon and we are encouraging all families to join us in our school wide reading goal of 2400 minutes per person between November and April. All together that sounds like a lot, but it’s just 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week. When you’ve read 20 minutes, fill in a square on the marathon map. That’s it! If you complete that, you’ll receive a book to keep of your choosing (just like summer learning at the public library)!

Any reading counts! Books, eBooks, audiobooks, and being read to. Check out the Sora and Libby apps for a world of eBooks and audiobooks from the school and local libraries. The most important thing is to READ WHAT YOU WANT! Choose a book you like and read. If you want to challenge yourself, to refresh your mind and body, and get a little something different, check out the water stops. Like any good marathon, there are water stops along the way. These are “bonus adventures” for you to complete. If you complete these, you’ll receive an extra reward.

- **Water Stop 1: Read with a pet (or toy):** If you have a pet that will sit still, read out loud to them. It can build confidence and is calming. If not, read to your favorite stuffy, lovie, or toy that you have. If you enjoy reading that way, keep doing it!
- **Water Stop 2: Read outside.** Read in a park, playground, or your backyard. Try the swings, a bench, a trampoline, or just a nice patch of grass.
- **Water Stop 3: Read 3 nonfiction books.** This includes biographies, folk tales, science and technology, art, geography, etc. These books have numbers on the spine, usually. Find out more about your favorite subjects!
- **Water Stop 4: Read an award-winning book.** Any national or state award. Some examples are Caldecott Medal, Theodor Seuss Geisel Award, Pura Belpre Medal, Coretta Scott King Award, Newberry Medal, etc.
- **Water Stop 5: Read a recommended book.** Ask a teacher, family member, or friend for a book recommendation.
- **Water Stop 6: Read with someone new.** Read with a friend or family member you don’t usually read with. In person over the holidays is a great time or use Facetime/Skype or a phone call to connect.

**Forms are DUE to the Roosevelt library by Friday May 1st**

**Resources:**
Award book links: Caldecott Medal, Theodor Seuss Geisel Award, Pura Belpre Medal, Coretta Scott King Award, Newberry Medal
**Sora:** Download on App store or Google Play or visit https://soraapp.com/welcome. Choose “Norman Public Elementary Schools”. The logon information is your child’s library/lunch card number and the PIN is 98765
**Libby:** Download on App store or Google play or visit https://meet.libbyapp.com/. Your account number is the 14 digit PLS card number, the passcode is typically the last 4 of the parent’s phone number. More information can be found here.