



## **PURPOSE**

In partnership with NCAA Team Works, the Fort Worth Sports Commission and Helper Helper, Fort Worth ISD students in grades K - 5 will have the opportunity to participate in the *Readers Become Leaders® Literacy Program*. The purpose of this initiative is to provide school districts a program to create excitement about reading for elementary students in NCAA Championship cities with a friendly competition.

## **Competition Outline**

The overall competition is based on the collective average number of minutes read by each student. This allows for schools with a smaller number of students to compete with larger schools.

Schools will register their grades (K-5) and determine whether they want one person entering all of the minutes or if they prefer the individual teacher go in and register on the link and upload their classes minutes weekly. Once the program starts, students will submit their minutes read each week to their teacher and the school/teacher will get those comprehensive totals uploaded in the system.

The totals will be posted each week so schools can see how they are doing against the other schools. The program will last 10 weeks and the top three schools will be invited to the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships open practice on April 12 where a winner will be announced.

## **Competition Rules**

- Each teacher will provide their students with a reading log.
- The child and parent/guardian will be responsible for filling out the number of minutes they read each day.
- Weekly Reading Log will go from Monday – Sunday.
- At the end of the week (Sunday), the parent/guardian needs to sign off on the reading log and the student will turn it in to their teacher by the time designated by their teacher
- The teacher will add their classes minutes up and turn that number into the school captain (or log themselves).

- We ask that all minutes be logged for the week on Monday by 8pm CST for the previous week's minutes.
- You can count minutes that a teacher reads to the class
- Students who are visually or hearing impaired may count minutes when someone reads to them.

The program dates are as follows:

November 9: Registration Opens

January 20: Last Day to Register

January 23: Competition Starts

April 3: Last day to log minutes for the kids

April 12: Winner to be announced at NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships Open Practice

**The first 40 schools that sign up will receive a full library refresh that will include a total of 150 books (25 per grade level).** Additional incentives will include tickets to local sporting events, pizza parties, promo items for kids like water bottles, towels, and lanyards from the NCAA. **Prizes for the top schools and classrooms are listed below:**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Place School**

- \$1500 Scholastic credit
- \$500 gift card (provided by FW Sports Commission to pay for pizza party)
- \$100 Visa gift card for each teacher (provided by FW Sports Commission)
- Scholastic Grab and Go packet for each student – five (5) books per pack
- Possible appearance by Clifford the Big Red Dog for Pizza Party

#### **Top Classroom for all grades K – 5**

- \$500 Scholastic Gift Card
- Scholastic Grab & Go packets for all students – five (5) books per pack
- \$100 Visa Gift Card for the Teacher (provided by FW Sports Commission)

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place School**

- \$250 Scholastic Gift card (provided by FW Sports Commission)
- \$75 Visa gift card for each teacher (provided by the FW Sports Commission)

- School Library Refresh – 150 books new books for the school library

*Please note: Results will be based on average minutes read per student.*