

Dear Families,

2018-2019 Global Reading Challenge

The Global Reading Challenge is upon us! This will be Bryant’s 18th year participating in this event sponsored by the Seattle Public Library. The Global Reading Challenge objectives include:

- Promoting a love of reading
- Introducing children to a wide variety of literature and multicultural reading materials
- Encouraging reading for retention
- Fostering group activities and team work
- Providing a positive experience between children, librarians, teachers, parents, and books

The program is similar to “Battle of the Books.” Teams, consisting of fourth and fifth graders, read a total of 10 books, representing a wide variety of reading levels and interests. Teams answer questions based on specific factual content found within those books. Whichever team wins at Bryant proceeds to the semi-finals, held at the downtown branch of Seattle Public Library. The winning semi-finals teams then compete in the Grand Challenge City Finals, which Bryant’s teams won in 2011 and 2018!

To prepare for the in-school challenge, reading must be done outside of school, beginning in early November; this takes COMMITMENT! students please check the boxes below to acknowledge the Global Reading Challenge standards:

- I promise to read five books of my choosing and my team’s between November 1 and December 15
- I promise to return each of these books in the time indicated to return them
- I will work hard with my teammates to read the books and practice reviewing them
- I will work hard to resolve issues that come up on my team in a fair, productive manner

If you are ready to sign up, please fill out the bottom of this form and return to the library by **Thursday, October 18**. Because we must report our numbers to Seattle Public Library to provide books, students who do not meet this deadline are not eligible to participate.

Bryant’s teams are formed in late October, led by parent volunteers and me.

Sincerely,
Anne Aliverti, Teacher-Librarian



_____ (PRINT NAME) has my permission to join Global Reading Challenge.

Teacher’s name _____ Parent/Guardian (PRINTED) _____

An email for weekly communications: _____

I’m interested in potentially being a parent volunteer for Global Reading Challenge!

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO BRYANT LIBRARY BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18