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Global Reading Challenge

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your child is participating in the Global Reading Challenge, a special reading program for 4th and 5th grade students, sponsored by the King County Library System and the King County Library System Foundation.

Originally begun as one of many Battle of the Books programs conducted by school and public libraries across the country, the Global Reading Challenge offers a new twist to a successful traditional reading program. Participating students read up to 10 fiction and/or nonfiction books that have been selected by Children's Librarians from the King County Library System. These books are chosen to represent a wide variety of interests and reading levels, and the titles have often received critical acclaim for their rich contribution to children's literature. Students are reading for pleasure, for information, for fun and to gain exposure to a variety of authors and subjects in order to challenge other teams using a quiz bowl format. Winning teams will advance to the Grand Challenge to be held on March 26, 2010.

Our thanks to the librarians, classroom teachers, students, principals, parents and community sponsors for participating in this year's exciting program. You should be proud of your student for accepting the fun yet educational challenge this program offers. In-School Challenges will begin in January 2010, and the School District and Regional Challenges will be held in February and March.

Titles for this year's Challenge will be released on Wednesday, October 7, and will immediately be made available at the school library.

Thank you for supporting your child and his/her team in their reading challenge!

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