We are pleased to inform you that students in grades 2 to 5 have been enrolled on a website called BiblioNasium, Where kids flex their reading muscles. Students will be encouraged to use this tool to log their daily reading as they participate in our Million Minute Olympic Reading Challenge.

BiblioNasium connects educators, parents, and the kids to create a reading community that will encourage your child to read more.

Kids can keep track of their favorite books, log their daily reading, and win virtual awards. The system may be used to set up recommended and required reading lists, as well as, assign reading challenges.

Although you do not need to join as a parent, there is also a parent component and you and your child can access BiblioNasium from home. As a parent you will then be able to see reading lists, monitor your child’s independent reading and even set up family reading challenges. If you wish, you may also want to give your child permission to connect online with friends to see what others are reading, to read book reviews, and to receive and recommend books.

Next week, students will learn how to access their accounts and how to use this tool to log their daily reading.

To help your child login from a home computer

1. Go to www.biblionasium.com
2. From the top right-hand corner, select “Members sign in”, Kid's Sign in

   Username: User names will be assigned to students during library class. The username will be the student’s first (legal) name, followed by the first initial of last name, and, in some cases, followed by a unique number. For example, if the student’s name is John Smith the username might be: JohnS21.

   Password: go4gold

To Join as a parent

1. Go to www.biblionasium.com
2. From the top right-hand corner, select “Join Us” and follow the instructions. You will first be asked to provide your child’s username and password (see above). That will connect your account to your child and to his/her classroom.

Together, with the stimulation of this website, we believe we can motivate your child to read something different, something new, and something more challenging. We hope you will encourage your child to use BiblioNasium daily.

Sincerely,

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