



ANNOUNCING:

# The 5th Annual Lion Marathon



JOIN THE LION ELITE WITHOUT HURTING YOUR FEET!  
Go the Distance! Read 26.2 Books in 26 Weeks!

Dear Parents:

Your 3rd, 4th or 5th grade child has the opportunity to sign up to participate in SyCamore Elementary School's Fifth Lion Reading Marathon where the goal is to read 26.2 books (averaging about 200 pages per book) in grades 3-5, totaling at least **5,240** pages in 26.2 weeks. He/she could also elect to read a half-marathon 13.1 books, totaling at least **2,620** pages in 26.2 weeks. Regardless of which 'run' they've selected, I'm thrilled to know that they're jumping in and committing to read. Your child can always change which run they've selected (just in case they want to read more books!). The Marathon will begin on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

After your child comes to the library to sign up for the Marathon, they will receive several items: 1. a "bib" card and space on the back to write the titles/authors/page numbers of the books your child reads; and 2. an "official" Lion Marathon bookmark with all dates of celebrations listed. All the marathon requirements are listed on this page.

Reading for fun and/or pleasure is fighting a serious battle against the world of electronics (TV/video games/phones). The purpose of the Lion Marathon is simply to **encourage students to read for fun or pleasure**—no grades, no papers to write, no book reports. It employs an honor system: If a student has written down the title, author, and the number of pages read, then we're assuming that she/he's read that book. **The only "off-limits" items are textbooks, newspapers, and magazines.** We would ask that your child read grade-level or higher books.

During the course of the 'marathon,' as with real marathons, there will be 2 **"water breaks."** Students will be invited to bring their lunch to eat in the library where we'll provide them with water. To attend the first water break, students will need to read at least 4 books (800 pages).

Since this is a **no-stress, no-pressure marathon**, I'm hoping that **you will encourage your child to get involved and stay involved!** He/she will be **competing only against himself/herself.** Marathon finishers will eat lunch in the library, enjoy a treat, receive medals and a few other surprises are planned as well. Students who turn in their completed race cards will be entered in a raffle for various prizes. **If you'd like to donate a gift card or prize for this cause, again, I'd be grateful for your contribution.**

Hoping to see your child at the finish line (**March 6, 2020**) as they go the distance with the Lion Marathon! (PS: This is open to students, faculty, staff, and administration! If you have questions, do not hesitate to call me (901-854-8202) or email me at [mrushdi@collierville.k12.tn.us](mailto:mrushdi@collierville.k12.tn.us))  
On your mark...Get set...**READ!**

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