

The *Lowell Elementary PTA* is proud to announce the addition of a new reading club...



A fun, rewarding online reading program **FREE to all Lowell Students K-5!**

Raz-Kids.com features a wide variety of interactive e-books and quizzes that have been designed to provide engaging reading and listening exercises for children. Students can listen to books read aloud, read with vocabulary and pronunciation support, *and* read without support. After listening and reading the book, students will take a quiz to earn points. These points can be redeemed to build a planet on RAZ Rocket.

The Raz-Kids.com program will begin January 23, 2012 and run through May 25, 2012. Students can read & listen to Raz-Kids books, take quizzes, and spend time on RAZ Rocket at **home**, or any place that has computers with Internet access—like the public library.

In addition, the Lowell Library Learning Center (LLC) will be made available to registered students during lunch/recess and/or after school on **Thursdays** as follows: (*Volunteers needed for student assistance-see form below*)

- AM and PM Kindergarten (with adult): 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. or after school from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
- Grades 3 & 5: 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. or after school from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
- Grades 1, 2 & 4: 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. or after school from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Here's how the program works, your child:

- Logs onto <http://www.raz-kids.com/> (each registered student receives a log-in card).
- Selects one of 15-25 books on his/her assigned reading level, (27 levels).
- Listens to book read aloud, reads book aloud, then takes comprehension quiz.
- Earns points to spend building their own planet on the built in RAZ ROCKET.
- Automatically advances to next reading level upon completion.



*Further program details will be sent home to each registered student with their welcome packet.

Raz-Kids.com is funded and coordinated by the PTA. We are able to give our kids this program only through our volunteer efforts. We are in **need of volunteers** to assist the students with the computers and quiz taking from 11:40 a.m. – 1:10 p.m. and after school from 3:25 – 4:15 p.m. This is a great opportunity to work with children at all grade levels. Please consider volunteering your time during a short and easy shift. You can even bring younger siblings along with you.

Please complete the form below and send it in your child's folder to: **"Raz-Kids – PTA"**.

Questions: Heather Amwoza (630)-705-0605 & Meaghan Hornof (630)-217-5731 or e-mail: lowellrazkids@gmail.com

RAZ-KIDS REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEER FORM

STUDENT NAME:

GRADE (for K indicate AM /PM)

TEACHER

**PLEASE NOTE: Kindergarten participants must be accompanied by an adult on Thursdays.*

VOLUNTEERS:

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

*SHIFT PREFERENCE: Lunch (11:40-12:25) Lunch (12:25-1:10) After school Any (circle one)

* FREQUENCY: Once/month Twice/month Other: _____

PLEASE RETURN FORM BY THURSDAY JANUARY 19, 2012 to "RAZ KIDS- PTA"