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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Glen Acres Elementary School third-graders are state champions in NCAA Read to the Final Four**

Glen Acres Elementary School third-graders are the state champions in the NCAA Read to the Final Four competition.

Established to support the NCAA's dedication to education, Read to the Final Four debuted at the 2016 Men's Final Four and has made a significant impact on students nationwide, helping them accumulate an impressive 121 million-plus minutes of reading, according to the website.

Schools, teachers and third-grade students participated in a tournament-style challenge to compete for fun prizes and free books.

Glen Acres students participated in the bracket, along with 300 schools and 20,000 third-graders across the state, logging their reading hours, and attending a special event Monday, April 6, in Indianapolis. Top schools received money to put toward reading, new basketballs and new shoes for students.

"Our Glen Acres Elementary School third-graders showed perseverance throughout this entire school year by reading every day and logging those minutes," says Dawn Sargent, third-grade teacher. "Our third-graders knew that the hard work of dedicating time to reading each day would help them become strong readers, as well as helping our grade in the NCAA Read to the Final Four state contest."

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