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# Olympic Games

by Kelly Hashway

Corrine followed her class into the gymnasium, expecting to see the gym mats spread out and ready for the day's lesson. But instead, Corrine saw a large screen.

"Mrs. Rogers, what are we doing?" Corrine asked.

"Watching previous Olympic Games," Mrs. Rogers said, motioning for the class to sit on the gym floor.

"But why?" Corrine was looking forward to doing gymnastics.

Mrs. Rogers smiled and turned on the DVD player. "The Olympics are coming up, so we thought it would be a good time to teach you all about them and show you what these amazing athletes can do."

Corrine didn't want to watch other people play sports. She wanted to play them, and she really wanted to work on her tumbling skills for the gymnastics unit. She pulled her knees up to her chin on the gym floor and watched the DVD. Her eyes lit up when gymnastics came on the screen.



"Wow!" She couldn't help calling out. The gymnasts were incredible. "Can we learn to do routines like that on the mats?"

Mrs. Rogers sat down next to Corrine. "Those routines are very complicated. It would be hard to teach you something like that in the short time we have here. But if you're interested in gymnastics, I could give you a permission slip for Gymnastics Camp. It's held right here in the school gym during the summer."

"Really?" Corrine didn't have any plans for summer vacation yet. "Here at the school?"

"Yes," Mrs. Rogers said. "I teach the advanced class, but there are classes for all levels."

"Will we see any other sports?" Garret asked, pointing to the screen. "I like watching basketball and football."

"I like volleyball," Betsy said.

Corrine was getting more and more excited about the Olympics. There were so many sports, BMX, tennis, swimming, Taekwondo. "Mrs. Rogers, do you think we could have our own Olympics at the end of the year?"

"Yeah!" the class echoed.

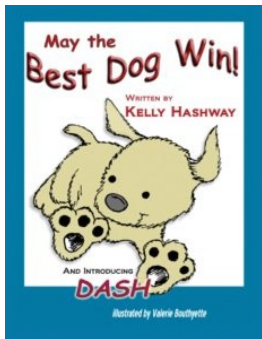
Mrs. Rogers laughed. "I've never had a class get so excited for the Olympics. I think we can arrange our own Olympics before the end of the school year. I'll talk to the other gym teachers, and we'll get as many sports involved as we can."

Cheers ran through the gymnasium, but the loudest came from Corrine. She smiled as she watched the gymnasts on the screen. She was looking forward to the class's Olympic Games but also to watching this year's Summer Olympics.



### About the the Author

## Kelly Hashway



Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

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**hint:** machine that uses lasers to play videos on a TV screen

3. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ y m \_\_\_ i c \_\_\_

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**hint:** most difficult level

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In the story, "Olympic Games," Corrine is inspired by watching an Olympic athlete performing gymnastics.

Describe a time when you were inspired by watching someone do something. Describe the person and what they did to inspire you.

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6. advanced