



2025-2065 Jeffco Battle of the Books

Dear Parents of 5th grade students,

It is our pleasure to announce that the 5th graders will have the opportunity to participate in a Battle of the Books competition this spring. Battle of the Books is a trivia based literacy program. Students will read from a list of ten books from different genres and then compete against other teams to answer questions about the books.

This friendly competition will provide opportunities for teams to battle each other within the school and then we will send our TOP TWO teams to a Final Battle between other 5th grade teams around the Jeffco school district. This is an extracurricular activity; participation is not required.

Battle of the Books teams are made up of three students. Individual teams will decide how they want to cover the book list. Students are encouraged to read all ten books on the book list, but reading a minimum of five books is required to participate. The more students read, the better their team will be able to answer questions during the competition. We have partnered with Jeffco Public Libraries this year and all titles in multiple formats are available around the county.

Students should take notes as they read or write chapter summaries to help them remember the details of the books. They will be able to use any notes they take during competition. We will meet three times per month on Fridays to practice and go over our notes. **Our in-school battle will take place during the week of February 16th-20th during the school day.** Greater detail will be communicated with parents as we get closer to the competition. The final district-level battle will take place Wednesday, March 4th, 2026 at Kyffin after school.

If your child is interested in competing in the Jeffco Battle of the Books, these are your next three steps:

1. Find two other teammates that are committed to reading and competing in the Battle of the Books.
2. Come up with a team name. In the past, teams have dressed up for their competition to match their name. This is not required, but it can add to the fun.
3. Turn in the permission slip that is attached to this letter on or before Friday, October 3rd. **Each student needs to turn one in** with the parent acknowledgement and support of the commitment involved for this program. Their teammates are counting on them! ***Students will receive the list of books on Friday, October 3rd.***

We will be in touch with more once the teams are formed.

The book list is printed on the back of this letter.

Feel free to reach out with questions.

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Covington