



Battle of the Books is a motivational reading program that consists of reading books, practicing as a team, and having a friendly “battle” of teams in the spring. This year’s Battle of the Books will be open to 3rd through 5th grades, as well as students in middle school.

To become a Battle of the Books participant, a student must have parent permission, and make a commitment to read at least half of the books (usually 3-5 books per person) for the grade level by the middle of March. The goals of the program are to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, and to promote academic excellence.

Teams consisting of three to five members should be formed by the end of November. **Each team will need a parent coach. Teams without a coach will not be allowed to participate.** Teams will establish their own time to work on practice questions, build team spirit, and help each other become great readers. Practice may be held at school (usually after school), at a public library, or other agreed upon location. Coaches must register as a volunteer with the district prior to beginning practices. Coaches are NOT responsible for reading the books. All important information will be updated on Mr. Highfield’s page on the school website by the end of November. There will also be an optional coaches meeting at the end of November.

Battle of the Books timeline:

- Mid-October - Permission slips are sent home
- Beginning of November - Students begin checking out Battle of the Books (BOB) titles from the school library
- End of November - Teams (3-5 students) are established and coaches arrange times/locations for team practices. An optional coaches meeting will be offered (Date/Time TBD)
- Beginning of December - Teams have at least one practice before the winter break
- Beginning of January - Practice questions are given to coaches
- January - March - Students continue to read BOB titles. Teams practice 1-2 times a week.
- End of March/Beginning of April - School and District competitions (Dates/Times/Locations TBD).

If your child is interested in this program and has your consent, please fill out the form on the next page and return it to your classroom teacher or Mr. Highfield by **Thursday, October 30**. **Please make sure to list potential teammates and indicate if you would be interested in being the coach.** If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me (contact information is below).

Please keep this page so you have the details about the program.

Thank you,

Mr. Terry Highfield

K-5 STEM Facilitator

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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS - PARENT PERMISSION FORM

My child (print child's name here) _____ would like to make a commitment to read and has my permission to be a Battle of the Books participant.

_____ (Student Signature)

_____ (Parent Signature)

Parent Phone Number/Email:

Phone: _____/Email: _____

Teacher name: _____ Grade _____

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Yes No

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