

Dear Parents,

Your child has expressed an interest in Battle of the Books. Battle of the Books is a reading program designed to encourage children to read and give recognition to those who do like to read. The program is open to students in 2nd - 5th grades. Students will be able to form their own teams. If a student would like to be on a team, but cannot come up with a team, I will try to put some groups of students together that are short a team member. Team will have 3 to 5 members.

Every team must have an adult team manager/leader. Adult team leaders are responsible for motivating the team and keeping them on target. Teams should meet at least once a month.

Adults who are interested in managing a team please contact me in the library or simply send in the attached letter. The participants will read from a pre-selected list of thirty books. There will be 2-3 copies of some titles in our school library, but the public library will also have to be utilized. The list of books is attached here.

The actual battles will begin starting in March. They will take place during lunch time on either Monday, Tuesday, or Thursdays. Schedule will go out once all teams have been established. The teams will engage in battles by answering questions about the books they have read. After several battles, we will have a final Battle of the Books between the top two teams. Our one request from students is that if they sign up to do this, they remain committed and follow through with the program. Students who drop out or don't do their reading will be putting their team at a disadvantage.

We are looking forward to another fun year of this great program. If you have any questions, or would like to be an adult team leader, feel free to e-mail one of us at school, [bolsen@stanneschoolbarrington.org](mailto: bolsen@stanneschoolbarrington.org) or kfilipp@stanneschoolbarrington.org

Thank you!

Bob Olsen/ Kate Filipp

Battle of the Books Permission Slip

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

This form is due back no later than Tuesday, December 17th.

PLEASE ENCLOSE THE PER PERSON FEE OF \$10 WHICH WILL GO TOWARDS PRIZES AND PURCHASING ADDITIONAL BATTLE BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY.

Parent Sign Up for Battle of the Books

Parent's Name: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Please check one of the boxes below.

Yes, I am interested in being an adult leader. Please assign me to any group.

No, I am not interested in being an adult leader.

Yes, I want to be an adult leader for the Battle of the Books this year. I would like to work with the following students. (Please list the names of the students who will be in your group as well as your child's name – with a maximum of 5 students and a minimum of 3 students).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH TO MR. OLSEN OR MS. FILIPP.

Author	Title
Atwater, Richard	Mr. Popper's Penguins
Babbitt, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting
Birney, Betty G.	Seven Wonders of Sasfras Springs
Byars, Betsy	Wanted. . . Mud Blossom
Cleary, Beverly	Ralph S. Mouse
Cooney, Barbara	Miss Rumphius
Coville, Bruce	Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher
Creech, Sharon	Ruby Holler
Curtis, Paul	Bud, Not Buddy
Gannett, Ruth Stiles	My Father's Dragon
Gutman, Dan	The Million Dollar Shot
Hannigan, Katherine	Ida B...and Her Plans to Maximize Fun...
Hobbs, Will	Bearstone
Kehret, Peg	Earthquake Terror
Levine, Ellen	Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the...
Lin, Grace	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
Look, Lenore	Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other
Lord, Cynthia	A Handful of Stars
MacLachlan, Patricia	Sarah, Plain and Tall

Rappaport, Doreen	Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller
Robinson, Barbara	The Best School Year Ever
Rodda, Emily	Rowan of Rin
Rosenstock, Barb	Camping Trip That Changed America
Ruckman, Ivy	Night of the Twisters
Selznick, Brian	Invention of Hugo Cabret
Speare, Elizabeth S.	The Sign of the Beaver
White, E.B.	Charlotte's Web
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House in the Big Woods
Wiles, Deborah	Each Little Bird that Sings
Williams, Margery	The Velveteen Rabbit