

2017-2018 Stillwater Elementary

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Battle of the Books

Dear Third, Fourth & Fifth Grade Families,

Stillwater Elementary will be participating in an exciting after-school club and competition called **Battle of the Books**. This fun reading program will encourage students to work together and read a wide range of genres and authors. All third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be given information during their weekly library class about participating in this year's after school club and competition. There are multiple copies of the battle books available for checkout from the Stillwater library. Participating students will be responsible for attending our meetings twice a month, where we will work in teams to read the ten (10) titles on our list, before the battles begin in May. Battle of the Books is a great way for students to read great stories and compete to show their understanding of the story elements of each book. It's also a lot of fun!

Ask your child if they have decided to participate. If so, they need to complete the club permission form with parent signature, and return it to Mrs. Harvold in the Library before our first meeting on Wednesday, October 11th. The reading list has been included for your information.

Thank you for your support,

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Title	Author	Genre	Lexile ¹
<i>The One and Only Ivan</i>	Applegate, Katherine	Biographical Fiction	570L
<i>Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare</i>	Barretta, Gene	Nonfiction History/Biography	NC860L ²
<i>Freckle Juice</i>	Blume, Judy	Realistic Fiction	570L
<i>Tornado</i>	Byars, Betsy	Realistic Fiction	500L
<i>Boxes for Katje</i>	Fleming, Candace	Historical Fiction	460L
<i>Be a Perfect Person In Just Three Days</i>	Manes, Stephen	Fiction Comedy	720L
<i>There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom</i>	Sachar, Louis	Realistic Fiction	490L
<i>Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team</i>	Vernick, Audrey	Nonfiction Sports	AD780L ³
<i>Boxcar Children</i>	Warner, Gertrude	Realistic Fiction Mystery	490L
<i>You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!</i>	Winter, Jonah	Nonfiction Sports Biography	AD830L



All of the questions in the competition begin with the words "In which book..." The correct answer is always the title of the book. Students are encouraged to make note of the setting, main characters, and the main idea. One way to do this is to have an index card for each book. Students can use the card as a bookmark and make notes as they read.

¹ Lexile is a quantitative text-complexity metric. It does not always take into account content maturity or comprehension. Lexile simply measures the ability to read the individual words on a page.

² NC = Non-Conforming text. Great for high ability readers who still need age appropriate content

³ AD = Adult Directed text. Better when read aloud to a student rather than having the student read independently.

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Dear Third, Fourth & Fifth Grade Families,

Please sign and return this permission slip, so your 3rd – 5th grade student can participate in our after-school book club “Battle of the Books.” This form will be copied and returned to your reader. Students need a signed permission on file to stay after school to participate. Please return this complete page to Mrs. Harvold in the Stillwater library before Wednesday, October 10th, so s/he can attend our first meeting. Students are expected to make most meetings, but must attend at least 50% of them AND must finish reading all 10 books in order to compete in our Battle of the Books competition in May.

Place an "X" in front of the dates your reader will be able to attend, so we can plan accordingly.

Battle of the books meetings are held on the following Wednesday's, from 3:45 – 4:30 in the Stillwater LRC.

2017-2018 Stillwater Elementary Battle of the Books Meeting Dates								
<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	
Oct 11 th	Nov 8	Dec 13 th	Jan 10 th	Feb 14 th	Mar 14 th	Apr 25 th	May 9 th	
Oct 25 th			Jan 25 th	Feb 28 th	Mar 28 th		May 23 rd	

What is Battle of the Books? It is a program designed to promote the love of reading among our students. It encourages students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, illustrations, details, characters, and settings of the books. This fun, academic-based competition has been very successful in schools throughout the state.

Grade _____ Teacher: _____

(CLEARLY PRINT the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade student's name interested in participating)

has my permission to participate in Battle of the Books held after school on the Wednesdays listed above. I have made arrangements to have my child picked up from Stillwater Elementary at 4:30 PM. My child understands that since this is a reading program s/he will be reading books. I understand in the event there is no school or it's dismissed early that Battle of the Books will be cancelled.

****Disciplinary incidents at Stillwater in the 17-18 school year will result in removal from the club.**

I, _____, give my child permission to participate in this program.
(parent or guardian signature)

DATE: _____

My Contact Information Is: _____
(cell phone) (email address)

Any Other information that you believe Mrs. Harvold should be aware of:

- ☐ Adults – check this box if you would like to be a competition judge for Battle of the Books. This would be a commitment of attending the last two meetings in May.

Please return this form by October 10th, 2017 to Mrs. Harvold in Stillwater library.