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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am delighted that your child has chosen to be part of the Battle of the Books this year. This exciting reading incentive program will encourage students to read a range of genres and authors in the spirit of teamwork and camaraderie. Parental support will be necessary for teams to successfully compete in the Battle of the Books program. Children may need to make special trips to the school and public libraries to find OBOB books. Some may wish to purchase the books in order to study them in the fall and winter before the battles begin. If a team wins the school championship, they will need to participate in the regional championship on a Saturday in March 2020.

Teams will work and meet independently, outside of school. In late January and early February, teams will meet at 8:30 a.m. for the battles. A schedule of battles will be sent out in early January. The school does not provide transportation for OBOB. It is the child's responsibility to arrive to their battle on time.

Although it seems to work best when teams are made up 4 members, the rules state that teams may have 5 players (one team member acting as an alternate.) **Each team member needs to read/listen to at least 8 of the 16 books from the OBOB list.** All students are encouraged to read as many of the titles as possible to be the most prepared for their battles. Teams may also take notes and create practice questions for each other. However, no notes or papers of any kind will be permitted at the battles.

If you would like further information, you may also check out the website: <http://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org>. You can also contact Miss Gillespie via email Adrienne_gillespie@beaverton.k12.or.us if you have any questions.

Student Responsibilities:

1. Read at least 8 of the 16 OBOB books.
2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
3. Attend OBOB battles at 8:30 a.m. on assigned dates in January and/or February.

SIGNATURE FROM A PARENT IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN OBOB.

Student Name _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

I agree that my child can participate in Battle of the Books. I understand that they will need to be at school at 8:30 a.m. some mornings beginning in January to participate in the battles.

Parent Signature _____