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Hello Incoming 5th Grade Parents!

Next year, our 5th graders will once again have the opportunity to participate in the district wide Battle of the Books program (BoB). We participated in the annual BoB competition pre-covid.

The basics:

GPS elementary library media specialists have chosen ten books (see list below) for students to read; in late fall a twenty question quiz will be given to **all** 5th graders; the five students with the highest scores will represent Parkway at the district competition in late January.

Most of the titles are available through the Greenwich Public Library, including Perrot, Cos Cob and Byram Shubert. They will also be available in the fall through our school library. Want to purchase them? Check in at your local bookstore or Amazon.

What can the parents do? Research shows students who engage in reading books, discussing books, and participating in opportunities to have books read aloud or read-along counteracts any possible summer slide. Put simply - find time to read.

I will have the opportunity to meet and share the details with the fourth-grade classes to introduce the program. I hope you will encourage your child to participate and enjoy reading this collection of books over the summer and into the fall.

Happy reading,

Mrs. Attanasio

Parkway Media Specialist

Anybody Here Seen Frenchie by Leslie Connor

Cog by Greg Van Eekhout

Daughter of the Deep by Rick Riordan

From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

Once Upon a Tim by Stuart Gibbs

Operation Do-Over by Gordon Korman

The Smartest Kid in the Universe by Chris Grabenstein

The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez by Adrianna Cuevas

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser

The Very Very Far North by Dan Bar-El