



Battle of the Books 2023 Grades 4 – 6 Parent Information Letter

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tbcs.org/academics/libraries/battle-of-the-books

Your child is invited to participate in the Battle of the Books (BOB) on **Friday, March 17, 2023**. Battle of the Books is a unique team-based reading incentive program for students that strives to nourish the hearts and minds of children with excellent literature. We are excited to be planning a return to our regular, in-person Battle of the Books experience! Here's how it works for students in grades 4 – 6:

- Students read books from the designated Battle of the Books 2023 book list. Copies of all books are available for checkout from the school library. Alternatively, students may read these books from wherever and in whatever format is convenient. As long as they read the original, unabridged version of the books, they may read traditional print-based, audiobook, or e-books from the public library, your local bookstore, or online retailer.
- To register, students must have read at least three of the titles. To participate in the battle, they must have read at least six of the titles. To maximize their enjoyment of the battle, students are encouraged to read as many of the books as possible from the Battle of the Books 2023 book list.
- The permission slip and three AR test reports (70% or higher) are due **by January 31**.
- Students must have read at least six of the titles **by March 10**. No additional AR tests are required.
- Students must attend scheduled lunchtime information sessions in February and March to review the battle rules and processes and get to know their fellow competitors. Lunchtime sessions for grades 5 and 6 will occur in the C.E. "Ted" Kindel library, and sessions for grade 4 will take place in the Ida Lairson Library.
- Students who do not meet these deadlines and/or do not attend lunchtime sessions may be denied participation in the battle.
- Students will receive a Battle of the Books T-shirt at no cost when they sign up. Students may also reuse a T-shirt from previous years.
- Students are expected to wear their battle shirts on the day of the event. They will be formed up into teams of five or six students. Each team will be led by a student captain, who will be chosen based on age and number of books read. Captains will help generate team posters, facilitate team communication, and be the general team leader.
- At the end of the quizzing rounds, the team with the most points emerges as champion.
- Members of the winning team will have their names engraved on the Battle of the Books perpetual plaque which is prominently displayed in the C.E. "Ted" Kindel Library!
- Your child has received either a print copy or an electronic copy of a bookmark to use to check off the books from this year's list as he or she reads them.

If you give permission for your child to participate in the Battle of the Books, please sign the attached Participation Permission Form. Your child must return the form to the library to register. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

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