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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).

The basics:

GPS elementary library media specialists have chosen ten books (see attached list) 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 become Parkway's team. These students 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 had the opportunity to meet and share the details with each class. Our presentation will also be available in their Media Google Classroom for reference.

Happy reading,

Mrs. Attanasio

Parkway Library Media Specialist

Battle of the Books Book List - 2023/24

Odder by Katherine Applegate

You Are Here: Connecting Flights by Ellen Oh

Finally Seen by Kelly Yang

The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling

Greetings From the Witness Protection by Jake Burt

The Accidental Apprentice by Amanda Foody

The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontornvat

Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas

The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor

Unplugged by Gordon Korman