

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child is interested in participating in the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) at Centennial Elementary School- Excellent! OBOB is a sponsored, Statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program.

OBOB's mission is to:

- Encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading
- Broaden reading interests
- Increase comprehension
- Promote academic excellence, cooperative learning, and teamwork among students

Students create teams consisting of four members. Members of a team must be in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade. Teams then begin reading the 16 books on this year's list. (Start right away!) Team members can divide responsibly of who reads which books, but teams need to make sure that **all of the books are read by January**. Each team member is expected to read at least **four books** off of the list.

Being on a team is a **commitment**. It will be expected that your child works with their team and reads the books that they agreed to read **thoroughly**. In January, teams will "battle" each other by answering questions about the 16 books. The top team from Centennial will then go on to the regional competition in March. *Good news*— your child doesn't have to be a terrific reader to participate! Most of the books can be found in audio format on Overdrive, which is Springfield Public Library's digital library.

Parent/guardian volunteers are greatly encouraged! If you are interested in volunteering at a battle, becoming a coach for a team, or have any questions, you can contact Centennial's Library Manager, Madison Hodgins, at madison.hodgin2@springfield.k12.or.us .

*Please sign and return this contract if your child is planning to be on an OBOB team.

OBOB Contract

I understand that being on an OBOB team is a **commitment**. I promise to **do my best** to work with my team, **read the books** I am responsible for reading, and **be prepared** for the battles.

Student signature: _____

I understand that my child is making a terrific commitment to reading!

Parent/Guardian signature: _____