

Welcome to Battle of the Books (BOB) after school club. We are excited to have your student as a part of our team. Our club will meet on Thursdays after school from 4:00 until 5:30. You will have to provide transportation home. 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. The game-style competition format creates excitement and interest in reading, improving students' reading skills and exposing them to literature that they might not choose on their own.

Students read books from the designated Battle of the Books 2022-23 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 maximize their enjoyment of the battle, students are encouraged to read as many of the books as possible from the Battle of the Books 2022-23 book list. During our meeting times, we will spend time reading and listening to books, sharing out about the books we are reading, and practicing for the competition in the spring.

There is a Canvas course that your student has been enrolled in where we will house all of our information. It contains our book list with a synopsis of the books, notes the students will be taking as they read the books, and any other important information or tools that students will need. The students can access it from any computer or device that is connected to the internet.

Our local Battle of the Books competition will be in the spring. We will let you know the exact date when it is scheduled. The three middle schools will compete against each other. A typical "Battle" is a half day tournament like College Bowl or Family Feud, in which students' teams earn points by answering questions about the books on the book list. They play several rounds in a rotation of each school. At the end of the competition, points are totaled and the team with the most points emerges as champion.

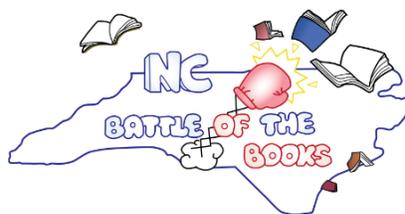
If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Mr. Courdway @ jjcourdway@hcs.k12.nc.us or Mrs. Courdway @ jcourdway@hcs.k12.nc.us

Thank you!
James Courdway

Please write your name, along with your student's name with your phone number below for contact information.

Parent name and phone number _____

Student _____



NCSLMA Middle School Battle of the Books List 2022-2023

Airman	Eoin Colfer
The Bitter Side of Sweet	Tara Sullivan
Black Brother, Black Brother	Jewel Parker Rhodes
City Spies	James Ponti
The First Rule of Punk	Celia C. Pérez
Healer of the Water Monster	Brian Young
House Arrest	K. A. Holt
**I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzai
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus	Dusti Bowling
A Night Divided	Jennifer A. Nielsen
The Ruins of Gorlan	John Flanagan
To Night Owl from Dogfish	Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer
Starfish	Lisa Fipps
The War that Saved My Life	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
When Stars Are Scattered	Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
***The Shape of Thunder	Jasmine Warga

**--Young Readers Edition with Patricia McCormick

***--Student Choice Selection

