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13th Annual DVEF BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
PARENT/CUSTODIAL AND STUDENT AGREEMENT

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Battle of the Books Program is a VOLUNTARY reading competition designed to promote the love and appreciation of reading to elementary school fifth and sixth grade students. Battle Books are selected based on the recommendation from research, school administrators, public librarians, and school library clerks. We are proud of our recommended titles for this program, and believe they all have a degree of literary value. The aim of this program is to encourage students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books.

A team is limited to three (3) students currently enrolled in either 5th or 6th grade at the participating school. Team members need to be in the same school, but not in the same grade. Once the first competition has begun, teams may not be modified unless the following conditions apply: if a team member has left the school, the remaining members may continue as a team of 2 or even 1. If a team member has moved away or become incapacitated an alternate (NOT currently on any team) may replace that team member. You may also replace with a student who is new to your school if he/she was participating in the Battle of the Books at his/her previous school site this year. Alternates MAY NOT be used to fill in for team members who are absent on the day of a competition or for members who have quit the Battle.

As a model for your child's behavior, we ask all parents/guardian who wish their child to participate in this **VOLUNTARY** program to agree to the following conditions:

1. Questions are **NOT** to be transcribed, written down, or in any way recorded.
2. Competitions are **NOT** to be videotaped so as to maintain the integrity of the questions and the yearly competitions.
3. Prompting of any type from the audience is **NOT** allowed and will result in the question being disqualified.
4. Only members of a team are allowed to challenge questions.
    a. Challenges must be submitted immediately upon team member questioning if an answer is incorrect and
    b. All decisions of the library clerks and judges are final
5. Team members may not enter or exit the competition area during a round, whether at a school level, or any competition going forward.

Return signatures below ALONG WITH YOUR TEAM FORM to school library clerk and keep the above information.
NOTE: Schools keep all SIGNATURE FORMS and TEAM FORMS and bring them with them to each battle.

My student and I agree to participate in the DVEF Battle of the Books program as noted above. I consent for my child to read the Battle books for this year.

SCHOOL: Sonoran Foothills **GRADE:**_____ **HOMEROOM TEACHER:**_____

STUDENT NAME: _____ **STUDENT SIGNATURE:**_____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME:_____ **SIGNATURE:**_____

PH#:_____ **E-MAIL:**_____

Team Members (if known) _____

2025-2026 Battle of the Books

BATTLE 1

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	# OF PAGES	GENRE	AR BL	AR PTS	Lexile Level
The Girl Who Could Fly	**Forester**	329	Science Fiction	6	11	920L
Where the Red Fern Grows	**Rawls**	212	Realistic	4.9	11	700L
Earthquake Terror	**Kehret**	132	Adventure	4.6	4	690L
Number the Stars	**Lowry**	137	Historical	4.5	4	670L
Total Pages		810				

BATTLE 2

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	# OF PAGES	GENRE	AR BL	AR PTS	Lexile Level
Esperanza Rising	**Ryan**	262	Historical	5.3	6	750L
The Jumbies	**Baptiste**	229	Horror	4.6	6	680L
Hatchet	**Paulsen**	195	Adventure	5.7	7	1020L
Bridge to Terabithia	**Paterson**	128	Realistic	4.6	5	810L
Total Pages		814				

BATTLE 3

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	# OF PAGES	GENRE	AR BL	AR PTS	Lexile Level
Wonder	**Palacio**	315	Realistic	4.9	11	700L
The Castle in the Attic	**Winthrop**	179	Fantasy	4.9	6	750L
Poppy	**Avi**	147	Animal Adventure	4.5	4	670L
Pictures of Hollis Woods	**Giff**	166	Realistic	4.9	5	650L
Total Pages		807				