

Battle of the Books 2019-2020 Guidelines

Description:

At Christ King School, Battle of the Books (BOB) is a voluntary reading enrichment program for proficient and advanced 4th, 5th and 6th grade readers designed to extend a student's comprehension skills. Students are required to read a variety of books from the approved Battle of the Books list. The titles range from classic to present day award winners. In addition to reading the books, students are required to take notes and recall information regarding the characters, setting, and events of the story during a team based competition.

Teams are formed early in the school year (September). Each team consists of two-three members in their grade level, and they work together to complete the reading list of 45 titles. The books vary in length as well as difficulty. For your child's convenience, the page length and lexile (book level) are included on the book lists. Lexile numbers range from 550 to 1130 with 550 being the lowest and less challenging of the texts. The list can be obtained from Mrs. Bark.

In late January/early February, all teams participate in four "Battles" where they answer 15 questions in each battle. Questions are posed in the following manner: In which book....? The students respond with the title and author. After all four battles have been conducted, and the points have been totalled, the team with the highest score at each grade level will advance to the regional competition. At this final competition, our CK students will be competing with winning grade level teams from Milwaukee area schools. **This final competition will take place on March 18th, 2020 at St. Eugene/Catholic East.**

Sign-up:

During the first weeks of school, teachers will explain the program to all 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. Those who are interested will receive BOB information, including a permission slip. They will be eligible to participate if:

- * A permission slip is signed by the student and a parent or guardian
- * They are committed to stay on task and fulfill their reading requirements

We ask parents to continually give encouragement, set aside time for reading every day and and remind their reader to keep on track and write notes after completing each chapter.

Team Formation:

Teams are made up of 2-3 members within a grade level. A team of 3 is always better. Once the team is formed, the first item of business is to assign the books to be read by each member. Each member on a team of 3 is responsible for reading 15 books.

Requirements:

In order to be successful in the BOB, students are required to:

- Read their books
- Write notes and review them
- Memorize all the titles and authors
- Cooperate with their team members

It is important that students meet these requirements in order to ensure that their team is prepared for battle.

Reading Pace:

In order to keep a good pace, students should read 2-3 books per month. Each year students are strongly urged to read over the summer months. All books should be read by the end of January.

Copies of books are available in the school library, the classrooms, and the Wauwatosa Public Library.

New next year to add incentive to this, Mrs. Bark will host a popcorn party if they meet the 5 book deadline by October 15th, a root beer float party for reading 10 books by December 10th and an ice cream sundae party for completing their 15th book by January 7th 2019. We will also have a pizza party in May 2019 for all students who participated in the in-school battles. Students must show Mrs. Bark their notes in order to attend the parties.

Battles:

The in-school "Battles" will begin in February. Teams will meet with BOB Battle coordinators to answer questions. These in-school battles take place to determine the winning teams for each grade level. Students move through a series of four rounds. Points are tallied at the end of each round. The 4th, 5th and 6th grade teams with the highest total points advance to the regional competition.

Final Thoughts:

Battle of the Books is an enrichment program designed to allow motivated readers to participate in competition. Through this program, students will learn how to extend their comprehension skills, develop friendships, and engage in healthy competition. We hope that the process enriches them as readers and team players.

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