

2019-2020 Battle of the Books

August 28, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child has expressed an interest in the Battle of the Books (BOB). Battle of the Books is a school and district-based competition used to promote the love of reading amongst students and encourage students to read widely from the list of Sunshine State Young Reader Awards and Florida Teens Read books. The Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) book list is developed each year utilizing input from experienced committees of media specialists from throughout Florida. The books on this list may not be appropriate for all students. Some books may include main characters navigating mature teen and/or adult situations. Stories represent various genres, formats, reading levels, viewpoints, and ethnic/cultural perspectives, while exploring sensitive issues. Therefore, it is imperative that concerned parents/guardians play an active role in their child's reading selection by previewing the titles to ensure an enriching and exciting reading experience. Students are not required to read every book on the list. A synopsis of each of this year's books can be found on this link: https://www.floridamediaed.org/uploads/6/1/4/2/61420659/6-8_annotated_list_2019-2020.pdf

Battle of the Books will meet after school on Thursdays in the Media Center. During this time, we will review plots, characters, themes, points of view, and quotes from each book. As a club, we are open to all students participating, but we will be limited to the number of students who can attend the District Battle of the Books on January 30th and only 5 members will be on the competing team.

We look forward to a healthy competition this year!

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I give permission for my child to participate in the Battle of the Books. I understand that some of the stories included on the list for this activity may not be appropriate for all students. I also understand that my child will not be penalized for not reading all the books but, must read books from the SSYRA state list in order to qualify to participate in the competition. I have read the synopses of the books included on this year's list and will help my child navigate the appropriate titles.

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact #: _____

***This form must be signed and returned by September 5, 2019 for the student to participate on the Battle of the Books team. Students without signed permission forms will not be allowed to join the team.**