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Dear Parents/Guardians:

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Today, your child was given information about Carl H. Kumpf's first annual *Sixth Grade Battle of the Books*. We anticipate this to be a fun and engaging way to get our sixth graders working together and excited about reading! During language arts classes, the students were drafted onto reading teams and had their first meeting. Between now and March 12, the students are expected to read as many books as possible from the following list:

1. *Number the Stars* - Lois Lowry*
2. *The Wish Giver: Three Tales of Coven Tree* - Bill Britain
3. *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* - Kelly Jones
4. *What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?* - Jean Fritz
5. *Baseball in April and Other Stories* - Gary Soto
6. *A Wrinkle in Time* - Madeleine L'Engle
7. *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life* - James Patterson
8. *The London Eye Mystery* - Siobhan Dowd
9. *Ella Enchanted* - Gail Carson Levine
10. *Hatchet* - Gary Paulsen

Please note that each teacher has copies of the books for students to borrow, but students are welcome to borrow copies from the Clark Library if they would like. Also, students do not have to read **every** book. The goal is that the members of each team work together to split up the reading responsibilities. Number of books read will be tracked for each team and points will be awarded for that.

Beginning March 12-14, teams will be eliminated using a *Family Feud* style game. Teams will be asked questions about the books, and the first team to buzz in will be selected to give their answer. Teams will be awarded points based on the answer. Students will be expected to know the title and the author of each book. Finally, on **March 15, 2018**, the remaining teams will compete for top prize at **5:30 pm** in the **Carl H. Kumpf Middle School cafeteria**. We invite all sixth graders and their families to attend this event as it will surely be a wonderful celebration of teamwork and reading.

Finally, we thank you in advance for your support of this initiative. Furthermore, we thank the Clark Education Fund for approving our grant to fund the purchase of the books. If you should have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Victoria Sasso via email (vsasso@clarkschools.org).

Sincerely,
The Sixth Grade Language Arts Teachers

* This book will be read as a **class novel** with your child's language arts teacher.

