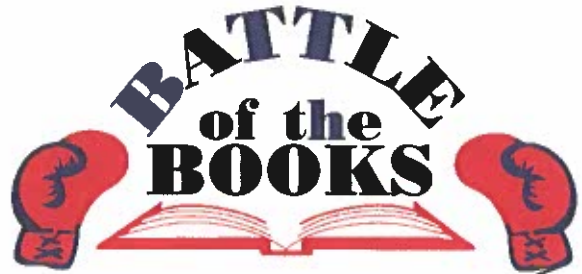


Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are happy to provide your children with an opportunity to participate in the first annual Fourth Grade Battle of the Books! We hope this will be a fun, engaging way for your students to get excited about reading! Within each homeroom, 4th graders will be grouped into teams of five or six. Between now and the middle of May, the students are expected to read as many books as possible from the following list.

1. Helen Keller's Teacher - Margaret Davidson
2. From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - E.L. Konigsburg
3. Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing - Judy Blume
4. 13 Ways to Sink a Sub - Jamie Gilson
5. Because of Winn Dixie - Katie DiCamillo
6. Beezus & Ramona - Beverly Cleary
7. The Report Card - Andrew Clements
8. Sideways Stories from Wayside Schools - Louis Sachar
9. The Midnight Fox - Betsy Byars
10. Stuart Little - E.B. White



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The students **do not** have to read **every** book on the list. The goal is that the members of each team work together to split up the reading responsibilities. If your child needs help reading the books, we encourage parents and caregivers to read to or with their child.

Every team will be provided with 1 copy of each title from the list. The Clark Public Library also owns additional copies of all titles, which may be available as well, depending on demand.

When your child finishes any of the books on the list, he/she will need to fill out a question card provided by his/her homeroom teacher. These questions will be used in the upcoming battles.

Beginning in May, teams will engage in a trivia style competition within their homeroom. Teams will be given information from a book on the list and asked to state the title and author of the book in which that information can be found. Points will be given for knowing both the title and the author of the book. Each homeroom will have 1 winning team. These winning teams will compete in a school wide battle to be held at the Clark Public Library on **Monday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m.** We invite all fourth graders and their families to attend this fun event celebrating reading and teamwork!

Thank you in advance for your support of this exciting endeavor! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dierdre Morley at dmorley@clarklibrary.org

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