



Dear Proctor Families:

PROCTOR'S 2nd ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

APRIL 2014

:: What is Battle of the Books ::

Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in grades 3-12. The purpose is simply to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with peers.

How Does A Student Participate?

This program is voluntary. A student participates by reading from the book list provided for that year's Battle of the Books. Students may count books they have read before. However, they cannot count books that they have only seen on a video or a movie. They must read the book.

Does A Student Need to Read All Books to Participate?

No, students do not need to read all books, but students are required to read at least half of the books on the list. Of course the more they read, the more they can help their team.

Where Do The Students Get The Books?

The classroom, Proctor's school library, local libraries

When Do The Students Read The Books?

Our school battle will be held on a Wednesday in April after school. The students will have until the end of March to read the books.

What Is The "Battle?"

Our "Battle" will be an afternoon tournament or game, like the College Bowl, in which students' teams earn points by answering questions about the books on the book list. The day of the competition the students will be assigned to a team and sent to their first round of the "Battle." There are three styles of competition offered – Friendly Family Feud, Relay Style, and Super Challenge. The students play several rounds, each against a different team. At the end of the afternoon, points are totaled and the two teams with the most points may be invited to a "Grand Battle" with the other teams as their audience.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation. The top teams will earn a medal and small prize.

How Does It Benefit My Child?

The students gain knowledge and enjoyment from reading good books, sharing them with friends, parents and teachers, plus a fun day of playing in the "Battle."

Parental Involvement:

We need parent volunteers to act as Readers and Time-Keeper/Scorer/Judges on the day of the Battle.

We also plan to have a series of book clubs on campus so that the students may get together and talk about the books in the program. We welcome any parent who would like to lead one of these book clubs. We will be distributing more information about these book clubs in the next couple of months.

Below is the book list for 3rd grade, also available on the Proctor PTA website:

| 3rd Grade Book List: 2013-2014 | |
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| TITLE | AUTHOR |
| Mr. Popper's Penguins | Richard Atwater |
| Freckle Juice | Judy Blume |
| A Lion to Guard Us | Clyde Robert Bulla |
| Tornado | Betsy Byars |
| Muggie Maggie | Beverly Cleary |
| Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes | Eleanor Coerr |
| Molly's Pilgrim | Barbara Cohen |
| James and the Giant Peach | Roald Dahl |
| My Father's Dragon | Ruth Stiles Gannett |
| Boxcar Children (the first one in series) | Gertrude Warner |
| Charlotte's Web | E. B. White |
| Little House in the Big Woods | Laura Ingalls Wilder |

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact me!

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Below is the book list for 4th and 5th grade, also available on the Proctor PTA website:

| 4th/5th Grade Book List: 2013-2014 | |
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| TITLE | AUTHOR |
| Wanted... Mud Blossom | Betsy Byars |
| Ralph S. Mouse | Beverly Cleary |
| Charlie and the Chocolate Factory | Roald Dahl |
| The Courage Of Sarah Noble | Alice Dalgliesh |
| Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer | John Grisham |
| The Million Dollar Shot | Dan Gutman |
| Worth | A. LaFaye |
| Where the Mountain Meets the Moon | Grace Lin |
| All About Sam | Lois Lowry |
| Snow Treasure | Marie McSwigan |
| Hachiko Waits | Leslea Newman |
| The Lightning Thief | Rick Riordan |
| The Best School Year Ever | Barbara Robinson |
| Each Little Bird That Sings | Deborah Wiles |

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