

### 3rd and 4th Grade Battle of the Books Team



Battle of the Books is a bowl-style trivia tournament that's all about books, engaging hundreds of young minds every year. The program is active at Douglas County Libraries' Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree and Parker locations. Dozens of teams in grades 3-6 compete against each other in interschool battles and finals tournaments to determine a districtwide champion for all of Douglas County. You can find more information at <https://blogs.douglascountylibraries.org/battleofthebooks/>.

I will be holding a book club for 3rd and 4th graders **who are seriously** interested in participating in Battle of the Books. We will meet weekly and students will be expected to **read all 10 books** and meet minimum requirements to be considered for the final team which will be seven students. Five students can compete at once and I will have two alternates. Students will take turns sitting out on battles, so that everyone has a chance to participate. Students will meet with Mrs. Hayes in her classroom on Tuesdays before school from 7:40 -8:15 am. **If a student is not actively reading, participating, and contributing, I will ask them to leave the club.** Battle of the Books is a lot of fun, but there is a rigorous academic component to it. The team chosen has to rely on each other and trust that all members have done their part.

Students should start reading now as the list came out during Labor Day weekend. I have the list and more information on my website. I have a few copies of the books in my classroom for students to borrow but parents need to support at home with getting books from the public library. I do know there are long wait list times for the library, so some families choose to purchase the books. But please reach out to me to me first, to see if I can get some books for your child (lydia.hayes@dcsdk12.org) If your child is interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the office **ASAP**.

#### Meeting dates and deadlines:

September 25th: <u>1-2 books read</u>	<b>NOVEMBER 20: Break: NO MEETING</b>
October 2	November 27
<b>October 9: Fall Break: NO MEETING</b>	December 4: <u>9-10 books read</u>
October 16: <u>3-4 books read</u>	December 11
October 23	December 18: Rereading expert books
October 30: <u>5-6 books read</u>	January 8th
<b>November 6th: PLC Day, NO MEETING</b>	January 15th
November 13: <u>7-8 books read</u>	January 22nd

\*The final team will be determined by December and the team will continue to meet while battles happen. Battles will be at the Parker library on Monday nights starting late January.

\*Students will also have an opportunity to meet with me during lunch during the week for additional reading and practice time.



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Parent Permission Slip**

Yes, I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the Battle of the Books book club before school on Tuesdays from 7:40 - 8:15 a.m in Mrs. Hayes' room. I understand that if my child does not meet the weekly requirements and/or there are behavior issues, my child will be asked to leave the club.

Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Health concerns and/or allergies:

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Email address for information/updates/cancellations:

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Cell number for last minute information/updates/cancellations:

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