

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is a voluntary literacy competition for grades 3rd - 5th designed to encourage reading outside the school curriculum. It is designed to encourage students and their families to bond together and develop a love of reading.

What do students do?

Students read books from the book list, form teams of three or four, and compete using their collective knowledge of the content of the books. Students should attend team meetings, report back on books they have read to their team parent, work together as a team, show good sportsmanship, and respect for volunteers, judges, and other competitors.

Students do not have to read all the books. However, to really be an asset to the team it is wise to read as many of the books as they can. Students who do read *all* the books will be classified as All-Stars.

Book List for 2018-2019

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Cleary, Beverly	Ramona the Pest
Dahl, Roald	Fantastic Mr. Fox
George, Jessica Day	Tuesday at the Castle
Gutman, Dan	Honus and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Running Out of Time
Kellogg, Steven	Paul Bunyan
Konigsburg, E. L.	From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Lewis, C. S.	Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, & the Wardrobe
Osbourne, Mary Pope	Dinosaurs Before Dark
Tarshis, Lauren	I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake, 1906

Timeline

December	Students read books on their own, with partners, families or groups, or listen to audio book recordings.
January - February	Students meet with teams and parent coaches to practice questions.
March	Lone Peak School competition during school hours and awards recognition The winning student team as well as All-Stars will battle the teacher's team
April	The winning team will compete in a district wide competition.

Awards:

Each student will receive a participation ribbon. Second place winners will receive a 2nd place ribbon and the Battle of the Books Championship team will each be awarded their own trophy. All-Star readers will receive a medal.

What do parents do?

Parents encourage their child to read and help get access to the books from public libraries, school libraries or purchase them. They can help their child get to the team meetings and prepare a safe way for them to get home.

Parents can also volunteer to help as a team coach or help with the competition if possible. Email breezy.covington@gmail.com or am.sherman@canyonsdistrict.org to volunteer.

What does the battle look like?

During the contest, two teams will go head-to-head in a quiz bowl-style tournament. During the match, teams will alternate answering questions. A judge will ask a question and each team will have 30 seconds to answer with the correct book title for 2 points. An additional point is given if the team can name the book's author within 10 seconds. If that team answers incorrectly or the time has expired, the other team has a chance to steal their points by answering the questions correctly. Each team should set a team captain who will answer for the whole team. After answering 24 questions (12 questions per team), the score will be added and a winner declared. Each team is guaranteed three battles before the single elimination rounds begin. Keep in mind that the answers to each question are the book titles and author's last name.

Come join us! It's not too late to register. Ask the office for a permission slip and return it to the office.

If you would like to volunteer to be a team parent or to help on the day of the battle, email Breezy Covington (PTA President) at breezybigler1@yahoo.com or Ann Marie Sherman (teacher) at ann.sherman@canyonsdistrict.org.