A stylized illustration of a person in a dark teal silhouette, holding a yellow wand that points to a small teal book. Three yellow stars are floating above the book. The background features a series of thin, parallel diagonal lines in the top left corner and a large, faint circular arc in the bottom right corner.

Battle of the Books

Coaches Meeting
December 16, 2023

What is your role?



- Our Contact
- Give guidance
 - Encourage 5th graders to devise a strategy
- Keep everyone on track
 - Time management and goal setting
- Help organize
 - Help source costumes, books, information
 - Help with logistics
- Battle Day volunteer

How to prepare for Battle



- Devise a reading strategy
 - How many members will read how many books?
- Make sample questions
 - Ask for help from parents
 - Encourage 5th graders to write their own sample questions
- Take notes
 - Good quotes, important scenes, characteristics, overall message or lesson from the book
- Study the bookmark

The Battle



- Hart Middle School Gymnasium – Saturday, March 9, 2024. 2:00pm
 - Arrive between 1:30 and 1:45
- Bring something to sit on – Do not bring anything else
 - Your team will have a designated spot.
 - No phones, books, notes, paper, pencils, snacks or drinks (per RCS rules).
 - We provide answer sheets and pencils
- Only coach volunteers will be permitted on the floor
 - All spectators will be seated in the bleachers.
- I will send an email in late February for coach volunteers.
 - Please consider helping as this makes Battle day run more quickly and efficiently

The Battle



- 50 questions total
 - 25 questions, 10 minute break, 25 questions
 - Snacks can be taken during break outside the gym
 - The bathroom can be used at any time
- Please help us!
 - We need your help to ensure that the battle is completed in a reasonable amount of time.
 - We aim to finish by 4:00pm at the latest

Questions



- 50 total
 - Questions will be asked twice
 - 30 seconds to discuss and answer
- Answers are always title and author of the book
 - Spelling and handwriting are important. We need to know what you are writing and we should all respect author names

Questions



- Question formats
 - “In which book would you find the following quote?”
 - “In which book would you find the following passage?”
 - “In which book do you learn; are you shown; does the main character learn...”
- No trivia, but some are tricky
 - Make sure to listen to the whole question

Scoring

- All scoring is done after the battle at the library
 - Scoring/scores will not be discussed at the battle
- 100 possible points
 - 1 point for correct title
 - 1 point for correct author



Scoring

- Winners will not be announced ahead of time
 - Perhaps you will get a phone call regarding your attendance at the awards ceremony
- Ties
 - Only for 1st place
 - Teams will be notified and asked to arrive early to the awards ceremony



Awards Ceremony



- Hart Middle School Gymnasium, Monday, March 11, 2024.
6:00pm
- Teams will be seated in the same spot as battle day
 - Arrive in costume
 - Parents will sit separately – please remind your 5th grader to follow directions and be respectful of other teams
 - Again we appreciate your help making this a fun and efficient celebration
- Teams will be called up alphabetically
 - Get pictures!

Awards Ceremony



- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners announced
- Additional winners announced:
 - Best team name, costume, and best display of sportsmanship
- Scores will be emailed out at the end of the ceremony
- Team plaque

A final note

- Remember the purpose of the battle
 - You read books you might have never chosen for yourself
 - You learned something new
 - You made new friends
 - You had a conversation
 - You had fun



Registration Reminders

- Please make sure your team is registered as soon as possible
- Please make sure all team information is finalized by Saturday, February 10, 2024.



Important Dates



- Wednesday, November 15 to Saturday, February 10: Registration
- Saturday, December 16, 11am: Battle Coach Meeting
- Saturday, February 10: Deadline to make sure all registration information is correct
- Saturday, March 9, 2pm: Battle of the Books at Hart MS
- Monday, March 11, 6pm: Awards Ceremony at Hart MS

**Are you ready for a
mock Battle?**



- In which book would you find the following quote?:
“Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light.”



- Title: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
- Author: J. K. Rowling



- In which book does an unexpected adoption (it's a girl!?) change the lives of a brother and sister forever?



- Title: Anne of Green Gables
- Author: Lucy Maud Montgomery





- In which book would you find the following passage?:
“It was pleasant to take a hot drink up to her room and have it beside her as she sat in her silent room reading in the empty house in the afternoons. The books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives. She went to Africa with Ernest Hemingway and to India with Rudyard Kipling. She traveled all over the world while sitting in her little room in an English village”

- Title: Matilda
- Author: Roald Dahl



- In which book would you find the following quote?:
“I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It's when you know you're licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what.”



- Title: To Kill a Mockingbird
- Author: Harper Lee



- In which book would you find the following passage?:

“And [he] sailed back over a year
and in and out of weeks
and through a day
and into the night of his very own room
where he found his supper waiting for him
and it was still hot”



- Title: Where the Wild Things Are
- Author: Maurice Sendak



- In which book does the main character learn that it is important to try things to know whether or not you really like them?




- Title: Green Eggs and Ham
- Author: Dr. Seuss



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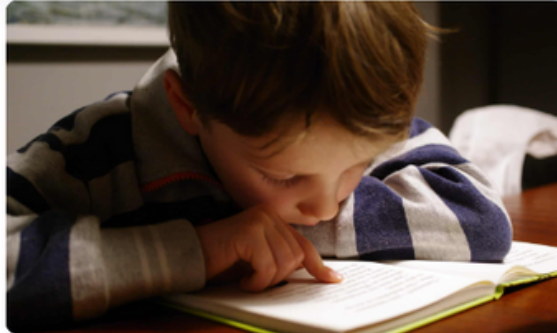
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