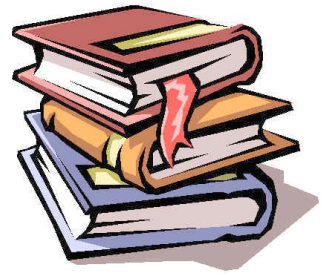


Dear Parents:

It's time for Battle of the Books!



Each year, our elementary schools have promoted this optional reading activity for our 4th and 5th level students. Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association (WEMTA) Battle of the Books program is "designed to promote a love of reading among students. It encourages students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. Every question asked in a battle takes the form of: 'In which book...?' and is answered by the title and author of the book. It is a fun, academic-based competition that has been very successful in school districts throughout the state in encouraging students to read."

Students will choose teams of four students who together will divide up the book list on the back of this page. They will then be responsible to read 5 titles between now and the end of January. These books are all available at your child's school library and at the Greendale Public Library.

During the first two weeks of February, all teams will have opportunity to "battle" twice against other teams and total points will determine the overall grade level winner. Then the final fourth grade and fifth grade team will square off to determine which team will take the online state test the following week.

If your child would like to participate in this year's Battle of the Books, they **MUST** turn in a signed permission (below). **Please sign and return the bottom portion of this letter to your child's teacher before September 28.** Keep the list on the back for future reference. The teams will be signing up during October.

Thank you, and let the reading begin!

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PARENT PERMISSION FORM: PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28

I give my permission and will encourage and remind my child to keep the commitment they have made for Battle of the Books. If necessary, I will help my child obtain copies of the assigned titles through the public library if the elementary library copies are in use by others.

CHILD'S FIRST and LAST NAME: _____ **(PLEASE PRINT)**

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **TEACHER** _____