



Summary of the Battle of the Books Program

This reading incentive program began in 2007 at Morse Pond. In it, students are given a list of many titles that must be read collectively by group members before the battles begin. Students are assigned to teams within their homeroom at the discretion of the librarian and the homeroom teachers. They must then work together to make sure that each book on the list has been read by at least one team member. After some team meetings and strategizing sessions, teams compete in battles based on their knowledge of the books (usually from reviewing the quizzes and re-reading as needed) for a chance at a limo ride out to lunch and ice cream!



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SUCCEED!**



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Morse Pond School's Battle of the Books

A Reading Incentive Program

PURPOSE: To encourage students to read interesting and different books while having fun competing with and against their peers.

Please direct any questions to Mrs. Abbott at eabbott@falmouth.k12.ma.us or (508)548-7300



THE LIST

1. **Among the Hidden** by Margaret Peterson Haddix
2. **Awkward** by Svetlana Chmakova (graphic novel)
- *3. **Baseball Saved Us** by Ken Mochizuki
4. **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** by John Boyne
5. **Crenshaw** by Katherine Applegate
- *6. **Emmanuel's Dream** by Laurie Ann Thompson & Sean Qualls
7. **Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library** by Chris Grabenstein
8. **Finding Perfect** by Elly Swartz
9. **The Greenglass House** by Kate Milford
10. **Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen
11. **The Hobbit** by J.R.R. Tolkien
12. **Holes** by Louis Sachar
13. **The Invention of Hugo Cabret** by Brian Selznick
14. **The Land of Stories (The Wishing Spell)** by Chris Colfer
15. **The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan
- *16. **The Lorax** by Dr. Seuss
17. **Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess** by Shari Green
- *18. **The Mysteries of Harris Burdick** by Chris Van Allsburg
19. **One for the Murphys** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
20. **Orphan Island** by Laurel Snyder
21. **The Seventh Most Important Thing** by Shelley Pearsall
22. **The Unwanteds** by Lisa McMann
23. **The War That Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
24. **Wings of Fire (The Dragonet Prophecy)** by Tui Sutherland

*** MAY NOT BE DONE FOR SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT! (4 titles)**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to let us know. We are here to help!

DO I HAVE TO READ ALL THE BOOKS ON THE LIST? No, you will only have to read the books that you and your team assign to you.

HOW MANY BOOKS WILL I HAVE TO READ? Each student reads about 4 books over the course of the competition.

CAN I READ MORE THAN MY ASSIGNED BOOKS? Yes, of course, as it will help your group to have more people with knowledge of a book.

CAN I START READING IN THE SUMMER?

Yes! The public library will have these books on display for you to check out as well as the list in case you lose yours.

CAN I CHOOSE MY TEAM MEMBERS?

No, teams are assigned.

DO I HAVE TO DO ANY ASSIGNMENTS WITH THESE BOOKS?

Yes, over the summer you are required to read at least one of the books and fill out the graphic organizer. This will be due to Mrs. Abbott on the first day of school!

WHERE CAN I FIND COPIES OF THE BOOKS DURING THE SCHOOL

YEAR? Each team of teachers will have at least one copy of each title available to them for sign out. There will also be a few copies in the regular circulation at the school and public library.

THE TIMELINE

Below is a rough timeline of events for the Battle of the Books.

SUMMER 2018~ Remember to read at least one book from the list and fill out your summer reading graphic organizer. **Prizes are given for students who read more than required and fill out more than one graphic organizer completely.**

SEPTEMBER~ Students are introduced to the battle during their first visit of the year to the school library media center. Students are assigned to their teams. Teams will have the opportunity to meet and assign at least two books per team member. Books will be made available to teams and in the library for student check-out.

OCTOBER-FEBRUARY~ Teams continue to read, review and strategize in preparation for the battle.

MARCH~ Homeroom and team battles take place.

APRIL~ Battle of the Books showdown for pods, grade level and final battle.

MAY/JUNE~ Winning team takes limo ride out to lunch, ice cream and home. All school members receive a participation prize.

~HINTS TO WINNING~

Read as much as you can.
Take as many quizzes as you can.
Review the quizzes.
Work as a team!!!!