

EUBANKS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2008

Dear 6th Grade Parents,

Your students will be participating in the Seventh Annual Eubanks “*Battle of the Books.*” This is a dynamic program that offers students the opportunity to become enthusiastic, lifelong readers. Every student in the 6th Grade is placed on a team that is invited to divide, read and conquer the Battle titles. After weeks of independent reading, group discussion, and preparation, students are ready to “battle.” The teams compete in a quiz-show format to correctly answer comprehension questions based on the content of the books. Battle of the Books is truly one of the highlights of the 6th grade year.

The battles will begin in March, but the students need to start reading the books as soon as possible. Following is a list of 8 books that have been selected by the 6th grade language arts teachers along with Mrs. Drenka:

Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
Time for Andrew by Mary Downing Hahn
Small Steps by Peg Kehret
The Kid Who Ran for President by Dan Gutman
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Zach’s Lie by Roland Smith
Crash by Jerry Spinelli

We will ask the students to read at least 3 of the 8 titles. They should read for detail, as well as general information. Each language arts teacher will then send home a list of the specific requirements that she will expect from their students regarding the Battle of the Books. Please encourage your child to read as many of the titles as possible. As an added incentive, students who read all 8 of the titles will be invited to attend a party along with the battle finalists, regardless of how their team does in the battle. We hope you and your child will enjoy participating in the wonderful reading program.

Let the Battle Begin!!

Sincerely,

Lucy Drenka
EIS Librarian