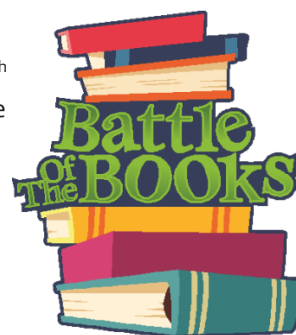


Battle of the Books 2019

What is Battle of the Books?



The St. James School library is excited to kick off the 2019 Battle of the Books (BoB) program! This is our 5th year! BoB is a program for students in 3rd-8th grade, encouraging them to read from a list of 15 books nominated for the Bulldog Book Award. The books are a mix of genres including realistic fiction, historical fiction, graphic novels, nonfiction, narrative nonfiction picture books, biographies, science fiction and fantasy. They are a mix of Bluestem, Rebecca Caudill nominees, award winners and teacher and student suggestions. In May, students will vote for their favorite book from the list and it will be awarded the 2018 Bulldog Book Award!



Students are divided into small groups of (3-5) students from their classroom and together their team creates a strategy to read all 15 books on the BoB list throughout the school year. There are 3 rounds of classroom battles beginning in April. The team with the highest score in each classroom will advance to the final round of battles in May. The team with the highest score at the final battle will become the champions!

Throughout the year, an amazing group of parent volunteers meet with the students for monthly check-ins, helping teams keep track of their progress, adding to the hallway display, as well awarding special incentives for meeting reading goals, which include homework passes, spirit wear passes, and entry into special drawings for Priest, Principal and Assistant Principal for ½ Day. Students who read all 15 books will be treated to a pizza party lunch in the library. *A BIG thank you to all those parent volunteers who make this program possible!*

Please take a moment to talk to your child about these books. What are they excited about reading? In the coming weeks, ask them to share with you which books they will be reading for their team. Multiple copies are available for check-out in our school library. We also encourage them to use their public library, AHML is especially convenient, you can place a book on hold online and it will be ready for pick up in the drive thru! Many of the titles are also available as eBooks.

Thank you very much for your support of this worthwhile program!
We're looking forward to another great year of sharing the love of reading!
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3rd-4th Book List

13 Story Treehouse, by Andy Griffiths
Ada's Violin, by Susan Hood
Because of Winn Dixie, by Kate DiCamillo
Boxes for Katje, by Candace Fleming
Charlotte's Web, by E.B. White
El Deafo, by Cece Bell
Hachiko Waits, by Leslea Newman
Handful of Stars, by Cynthia Lord
Love that Dog, by Sharon Creech
The One and Only Ivan,
by Katherine Applegate
The Story of Diva and Flea, by Mo Willems
A Tangle of Knots, Lisa Graff
Who was Mother Teresa? by Jim Gagliotti
Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions,
by Chris Barton
The Wild Robot, by Peter Brown

5th-6th Book List

Absolutely Almost, by Lisa Graff
City of Ember, by Jeanne DuPrau
The Doughnut Fix, by Jessie Janowitz
Eleven, by Patricia Reilly Giff
Esperanza Rising, by Pam Muñoz Ryan
The Fourteenth Goldfish,
by Jennifer L. Holm
The Genius Files: Mission Unstoppable,
by Dan Gutman
Hello, Universe, Erin Entrada Kelly
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,
by C.S. Lewis
Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbitt
Ugly: A Memoir, by Robert Hoge
The War I Finally Won,
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
The Wild Robot Escapes,
by Peter Brown
Wish, by Barbara O'Connor
Wonder, by R.J. Palacio

7th-8th Book List

After Ever After, by Jordan Sonnenblick
Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon, by Steve Sheinkin (nonfiction)
Counting by 7's, by Holly Goldberg Sloan
The False Prince, by Jennifer A. Nielsen
The Giver, by Lois Lowry
Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard, Book 2: The Hammer of Thor, by Rick Riordan
The Mystery of the Third Lucretia, by Susan Runholt
The Night Gardener, by Jonathan Auxier
The Other Side of Dark, by Joan Lowery Nixon
Peak, by Roland Smith
Posted, by John David Anderson
The Running Dream, by Wendelin Van Draanen
The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place, by Julie Berry
Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America,
by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (nonfiction)
The Wednesday Wars, by Gary D. Schmidt