




Summary of the Battle of the Books Program


This reading incentive program began this past school year at Morse Pond. In it, students are given a list of 25 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 librarians 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 Jeopardy-like battles for a chance at a limo ride out to lunch and ice cream!



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**READ TO
SUCCEED!**

2010-2011




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

Below is the list of titles for the 2010-2011 school year. All questions during the battles will pertain to these stories only.

- *1. Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *2. Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki
- *3. Secrets of Belltown by T.M. Murphy
- *4. Rules by Cynthia Lord
- *5. The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
- *6. Swiss Family Robinson (graphic novel) retold by Johann Wyss
- *7. 39 Clues: Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan
- *8. Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
- *9. The Landry News by Andrew Clements
- *10. The Big Field by Mike Lupica
- *11. Loser by Jerry Spinelli
- *12. Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- *13. Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
- *14. The Ghost of Fossil Glen by Cynthia Defelice
- *15. The White Giraffe Lauren St. John
- *16. When Marian Sang by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *17. Day of Tears by Julius Lester
- *18. Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
- *19. Middleworld by J & P Voelkel
- *20. Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
- *21. The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
- *22. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- *23. The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
- *24. Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- *25. City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau

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 year.

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 two of the books and fill out the double-sided form. This will be due to Mrs. Abbott by Friday, September 12th in order to receive a prize.

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 2010~ Remember to read at least two books from the list and fill out your summer reading "ticket."

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.

FEBRUARY~ Homeroom and team battles take place.

MARCH~ 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.