



Summary of the Battle of the Books Program


This reading incentive program began many years ago 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 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 Jeopardy-like battles for a chance at a limo ride out to lunch and ice cream and then a ride home!



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**READ TO
SUCCEED!**

2011-2012



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 2011-2012 school year. All questions during the battles will pertain to these stories only.

- *1. Blood on the River: James Town 1607 by Elisa Carbone
- *2. A Crooked Kind of Perfect by Linda Urban
- *3. The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
- *4. Diamond Willow (verse novel) by Helen Frost
- *5. Flush by Carl Hiaasen
- *6. Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *7. Frindle by Andrew Clements
- *8. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling
- *9. Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez by Kathleen Krull
- *10. It's All Greek to Me by Jon Scieszka
- *11. Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos
- *12. A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide Poetic Forms
- *13. The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
- *14. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- *15. The Million Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica
- *16. The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
- *17. Moby Dick (graphic novel) by Lew Sayre Schwartz
- *18. Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
- *19. Regarding the Fountain by Kate Klise
- *20. Schooled by Gordan Korman
- *21. The Three Questions by Jon Muth
- *22. The Wedding Planner's Daughter by Coleen Paratore
- *23. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- *24. When the Circus Came to Town by Laurence Yep
- *25. Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories by Dr. Seuss

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, but feel free to read them all if you'd like!

HOW MANY BOOKS WILL I HAVE TO READ? Each student reads about 5 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 should be turned into your teacher by the first Friday of school in September.

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 for sign out at Morse Pond School Library. Don't forget to visit your public library as well!

THE TIMELINE

Below is a rough timeline of events for the battle of the books.

SUMMER 2011~ Remember to read at least two books from the list and fill out your summer reading "ticket." **THIS IS REQUIRED!**

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.