

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child has chosen to join the Battle of the Books Club. The goals of this reading program are to encourage the love of reading  $\bigcirc$  and to expose students to a variety of authors and genres.

Books have been preselected based on reading lists provided by the Kamloops Teacher-Librarians association. Your child must read five books by the beginning of January, and nine books by the beginning of March. September to January, students are to read, read, and read! After winter break, those students that have read at least five books will come to weekly meetings where we will meet to discuss and answer questions on the books. Every question will begin with "In what book..." and the answer will always be the title of one of the books. If any books have been made into movies, we may have optional movie/lunch day(s) in the library.

In March, I will start keeping track of correct answers. The top four students from each grade level will represent Davidson Road Elementary at the Battle of the Books competition. Students must read all nine books on their reading list to compete at the Battle of the Books Reading Competition on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we don't think we will be having the Zone finals in person. The good news is, we have done the Zoom Battles before and they are a great alternative.

Although competition day on April 28<sup>th</sup> is exciting, it is only one day out of a program that runs a large part of the year. Our focus is on having fun as a group and celebrating their reading accomplishments during the year. If they finish the program excited about their reading and are eager to read more, well, that is the best award of all! Our Battle of the Books program will close with a fun party planned by our amazing readers.

Happy Reading Everyone! Enjoy those books and have fun! ©

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