

## Battle of the Books 2017-18

October 10, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are happy to announce the start of the **2017-18 Battle of the Books** program. This is an exciting opportunity for our children to read and report on many wonderful books, and to compete with other Dawes students in our Spring Battle competition. Our winning team will go on to represent Dawes in the District 65 competition. This permission slip will also act as a permission slip to attend the district competition.

This program is open to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who enjoy literature and are **willing to read and report on at least 11 books from this year's Battle list**. All students who meet this goal will qualify for placement on a team for the contests.

The first step will be for students and parents to sign and return the permission slip below. Students will then be given a set of 5 journal forms and a guide to completing journal forms. As students read the books, they should complete the forms and turn them in **as a set** to Mrs. Perry in the library. At the first Battle of the Books meeting, students will create their folder. They should then continue to read Battle books and complete journal forms. I will hold monthly morning meetings so students can share about books they've read, discuss filling out our journal sheets and writing questions. Students will also have access to a Google Classroom where battle students can be turned in and book discussion can take place. Google Classroom is an optional feature.

Battle books can be found in our school library, the Evanston Public Library, Bookends & Beginnings, and the Evanston Barnes & Noble bookstores in downtown Evanston. Battle of the Books is an activity that challenges children in all areas of literacy. Children need to read every night and be careful and thoughtful with their journal pages. It will be their responsibility to keep track of their materials and progress. Offering support to your child by taking turns reading chapters aloud, listening to audio books (CD's, and downloads from the public library), and discussing interesting events, characters and themes from the books can be ways to assist in maintaining a positive experience for your child.

The booklist, permission slip, and details of the event can also be found on my webpage; <http://www.mindyperry.com>

We look forward to another exciting year of Battle of the Books at Dawes!

Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Richards

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### Battle of the Books Permission Form

We would like to participate in Battle of the Books. We have read and understand the requirements for this program.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please return this form to Mrs. Perry by *Friday, October 27th*. Once this is returned, students will be able to check out Battle books and receive a set of journal forms.**