



Dear ATA parents and students,

We are delighted that your sons/daughters have chosen to be part of the Battle of the Books this year. This fun reading incentive program will encourage students to read a range of genres and authors in the spirit of teamwork and camaraderie.

Parental support will be necessary for teams to successfully compete in the Battle of the Books program. Although all books will be purchased and available in the ATA school library, children may need to make special trips to the public library to find battle books. You may consider audiobooks as an option as well. Also, the team that wins the school championship will need to participate in the regional championship, held on a Saturday in Spring 2017 (Most likely March 4).

Teams generally have 4 members, but may choose an alternate team member (5th player), in the case that one member is sick or unavailable for battles. Each team member is expected to read/listen to at least 8 of the books from the attached list by the school battles, which will be held in the end of January/early February. All students are encouraged to read as many of the titles as possible to be the most prepared for their battles. Teams may also take notes and create practice questions for each other. However, no notes or papers of any kind will be permitted at the battles. Teams will meet with Ms. Superneau & Mrs. Archibald most Tuesdays (see attached meeting schedule), after school from 3:30 – 4:15 to get ideas on how to study, to touch base with their team, and to practice for the battles.

If you would like further information, you may also check out the website: <http://oboblsta.pbworks.com/>. We plan to communicate with teams via email. If your home does not have an email address, please let us know so we can communicate with you another way. Please write your email address legibly so that you may stay informed.

This program is designed to encourage kids to read and discuss books with their friends. Students and/or teams who are not using good sportsmanship during the competition will be asked to sit out one or more battles.

All teams will demonstrate character and good sportsmanship. Win with grace and lose with dignity.

Those players who do not uphold these ideals will be disqualified from the tournament.

Good Luck!

Ms. Superneau & Mrs. Archibald

OBOB Permission Slip

ATA Policy requires that all students get written permission from parents to participate in after-school activities. Please sign below to show you have read

I, _____ (student name), have read the letter and understand what is expected of me as a member of OBOB. I will do my best to uphold these expectations, and will treat other members of OBOB with respect and kindness.

(student signature)

(date)

I, _____ (parent name), have read the letter and understand what will be expected of my child as a member of OBOB. I give permission for my child to stay after school to participate in the program and will provide a means of transportation home from school.

(parent signature)

(date)

Contact Info:

Email (please write legibly): _____

Phone: _____

Parent Volunteers Appreciated! Are you interested in volunteering??

Check the box if you are interested in helping out.

Name _____

Email (if different from above) _____

In what way are you available to help?