



Battle of the Books 2023-2024

We want YOU to participate in this year's Battle of the Books!

What is the Battle of the Books?

The Battle of the Books is a voluntary, extracurricular reading incentive program in which students work in teams to read a list of books and then compete against other teams by testing their knowledge of the books they have read. The competition is usually formatted similarly to the game show Family Feud, with lots of quick, trivia-style questions about the books. Yinghua Academy's authorizer, Friends of Education (FoE), sponsors the competition.

Who can participate in the Battle of the Books?

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Yinghua Academy are invited to participate. Participation is free. Students will be able to check out books for the competition through the Yinghua library or your local public library.

Why should my child participate?

The main benefits of the Battle of the Books program are that it gets children engaged with a variety of great literature, promotes a lifelong love of reading, and fosters a spirit of healthy, friendly competition.

How does the competition work?

Students in grades 3-5 compete in teams of no more than 6 students each. Each team is responsible for reading all 12 books on each round's list, and each individual "battler" is expected to read at least 4 of those 12 books. Students get to choose what books they read, as long as the entire team reads all 12. The competition questions are quick recall type questions; which teams have 15 seconds to answer on a white board. For example, "In the book *A Wrinkle in Time*, which character has a bedroom in the attic?"

When and where do students compete?

Battle Round 1: During the week of January 8th at Yinghua Academy. This competition will be held during the school day. Students compete on the first book list.

Battle Round 2: During the week of April 15th at Yinghua Academy. This competition will be held during the school day. Students compete on the second book list. The winner of this round will represent Yinghua Academy at the FoE battle.

Battle Round 3: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30pm at Yinghua Academy. Families are welcome to attend. The evening time is to allow for travel time for teams from other schools. No school transportation is provided for this event.

How do I sign up?

Complete the [BoB Registration Form](#) no later than Friday, October 6. Be sure to discuss the competition's expectations with your child. Battle of the Books is a lot of fun, and it is also a big commitment of time and energy. To keep up with reading expectations, students will need to read about one chapter book every two weeks. The books can also be used for any reading log minutes assigned by teachers. Teams will meet on Wednesday mornings during morning meeting (8:25 – 8:55) for book previews and mini battles beginning on Oct. 11.

Thanks for your time and consideration! Go Dragons!

Sincerely,

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