

Willow Creek Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books Literacy Club is returning to Willow Creek for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students during the 22-23 school year. Battle of the Books Literacy Club is designed to encourage elementary students to:

- Read quality literature.
- Read in their leisure time.
- Read for information as well as pleasure.



Club is a fit for students who already love reading. Ability of the reader can range but a desire to read, and read lots, is required. By choosing to participate in this new club, your child will be introduced to a variety of fiction and non-fiction books.

Third, fourth and fifth grade students are given the opportunity to participate in the Battle of the Books Literacy Club. Students of all reading levels are invited to participate. Students read at least seven titles from the attached book list. Many of the books are award-winning pieces of literature. Willow Creek Library as well as the public libraries have copies of the books for check out. Students are highly encouraged to begin reading the titles over summer.

Students will participate in book club study sessions supervised by Ms. Tokarchik, Mrs. Link, and Mrs. Sommer. During book club study sessions, participating students will work collaboratively to discuss the books and respond to questions about plot, characters, setting and theme. Regular attendance at Battle of the Books Literacy Club will be required so that teams can maximize their time together. Students in Battle of the Books should plan to make this club a priority. This means that if a student wants to participate in another club at Willow Creek, it should not conflict with Battle of the Books. Battle of the Books will meet on specific Mondays from 2:45-3:30 p.m. Dates to be released in September.

At the end of the book club study sessions, all student teams regardless of grade level will compete against one another at the Willow Creek Battle of the Books competition. The top performing fourth or fifth grade student team at the Willow Creek Battle of the Books competition will compete in the CCSD's Battle of the Books semi-final competitions, and possibly district final competition, against students from other Cherry Creek elementary schools. Sadly, third grade student participation at the district level is not an option but by participating as a third grader they are expanding their love of reading and gaining experience they can use as a fourth and fifth grade Battle of the Books club member in coming years.

If you are interested in Battle of the Books, getting a jump start on reading the required books over the summer is highly recommended.

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CCSD Battle of Books

2022-2023

Becoming Muhammed Ali by James Patterson & Kwame Alexander

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

Fablehaven by Brandon Mull

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Lincoln's Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin

Marshfield Dreams: When I Was a Kid by Ralph Fletcher

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

New From Here by Kelly Yang

Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park

Rules by Cynthia Lord

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Yusuf Azeem Is Not a Hero by Saadia Faruqi