

Willow Creek Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books Literacy Club is returning to Willow Creek for 4th and 5th grade students during the 24-25 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. Reading instruction will not take place.

Fourth and fifth grade students are given the opportunity to participate in the Battle of the Books Literacy Club. Students read at least seven titles from the following book list. Many of the books are award-winning pieces of literature. Public libraries have copies of the books for check out over the summer. Students are highly encouraged to begin reading the titles over summer. WCE library will have copies of the books during the 24-25 school year.

Students will participate in book club study sessions supervised by Ms. Tokarchik and Ms. Arnold. 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/activity, 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 late August/early 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 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.

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

Questions can be directed to Ms. Tokarchik or Ms. Arnold using the following contact information:

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CCSD Battle of Books

2024-2025

Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson & Kwame Alexander

Blended by Sharon M. Draper

***The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown**

The Epic Failure of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier

The Great Treehouse War by Lisa Graff

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Odder by Katherine Applegate

The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson

Refugee by Alan Gratz

The Sky at Our Feet by Nadia Hashimi

Space Case by Stuart Gibbs

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (*COTTONWOOD CREEK WINNER'S CHOICE*)

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat