

May 24, 2019

Dear Battle of the Books 3rd Grade Coordinator,

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Battle of the Books continues to grow! We've tried our best to make the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade battle as close to the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade one, just on a smaller scale. This way they're better prepared the following year to jump in to the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade group! I know since we started the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade group that many of our 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade teams have grown! The students know what's expected of them for that next year so more of them are successful! Practice mock battles at your school so the students get used to how the actual battle will work. **Our 3rd grade multi-school battle will be on Monday, March 23, 2020 at the Kern County Museum, with battles from 9am-11am. More details on check in, parking, etc. to follow.**

1. *Students are to read at least 10* of the 15 books from the list to be able to participate. Not reading at least 10 creates a disadvantage for other students on the team. Please make sure that your students have put the time and effort into reading and preparing by studying the titles and authors too in order to make it fair and fun for all the students involved.
2. You might think about telling your students ahead of time that if they cannot read 10 of the 15 titles that they will not be able to participate in the battle on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. (At my campus we have dates that they are required to meet a certain number of books read. If they are not close to that number by that date, usually after Winter Break, then I tell them they should "try for next year's team instead." I feel it's easier to let them have a way out *early*, if they are not keeping up on their reading, *rather than have to tell them a week before the event.*)
3. *We have a unique 3<sup>rd</sup> grade list with some titles that are not part of the "official" list on the America's Battle of the Books website so please use the list that is attached to this email.*
4. Use the sets of practice questions that I will email to you, with your students to prepare for the battle. **Do not order the questions from the America's Battle of the Books website as they do not include the same books we have in our list.** You will also receive flash cards that you can print back to back to help them memorize the titles and authors.
5. **Please e-mail your school name, contacts, and their emails ASAP, especially if they've changed.** You will receive a reply back to your e-mail from me. If you do not hear back, please call me at 588-6050.
6. Please register your school by sending \$40 to the address below with the form on the second page. This money is used on everything we need to host the event: certificates, medals, programs, pencils, copies.... ***We must receive the check by Friday, December 13, 2019 for your school to participate.*** Please make the check out to *Rosedale Union School District* and in the note section please write "IND Library: 3rd-BOB." Mail to:

Independence Elementary  
Attn: April Vegas - BOB  
2345 Old Farm Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93312

7. This event could not happen without volunteers. *Each school site* should provide **3 volunteers (A Reader, Timer, and a Shepherd)** that will report at the registration table to receive room assignments. You will receive a packet with a set of questions, rules, score sheets, and room #. There will be 3 short battles and then everyone will be able to come back to the main area to watch the final battle against the two top scoring teams. We need volunteers who can be flexible about not being with their own child while they work the battles. Thank you.

8. We have a refreshment break for the students while scores are tallied. We would like each school coordinator to provide **cookies or a small “snack” for their own students** and volunteers. This can be a fun time for your students to talk with each other about how things went and share their excitement about the event with their friends.
9. Students are encouraged to wear a school shirt to the battle. This can be a BOB shirt made for the school group or another school shirt. I allow the students to earn their “BOB” shirt when they finish their ten books! This encourages them to stay on track with their reading and helps build excitement as they earn them and they get to wear them in preparation for the battle!
10. Each student should come to the battle with a name tag with their first name and team name. This helps the students get to know each other’s names on the team and feel more united.

Questions: please email them to [avegas@ruesd.net](mailto:avegas@ruesd.net)

Sincerely,

*Mrs. April Vegas*

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Battle of the Books Registration Form 2019-2020

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your \$40 registration fee (checks made out to *Rosedale Union School District*) by Friday, December 13, 2019 to:

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