



We had a successful first year for the **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS** program at Highland Elementary. We had over 500 books read by our students and the winning 5th/6th grade team from our school did well at the district competition. If you have never heard of the program, here is a little information.

America's Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in grades 3-6. The purpose is simply to encourage students to read good books and have fun, while competing with peers.

Interested students will be part of a team of 4 to 5 students. Each team member will choose 4 to 5 books to read; however, we encourage students to read as many books as they would like from their grade list. In March 2016, we will have a competition during school, where teams will compete to answer questions about the books on the list. The questions are written like this example.

Question: In what book is there a dog named Watch?

Answer: Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner

(THE ANSWER IS ALWAYS A TITLE & AUTHORS' LAST NAME)

We will organize student teams at the beginning of school in the fall. At this time, we want parents to be aware of the program and of the 2015-2016 book lists that were just released by America's Battle of the Books.

We will have 6 copies of each book in our school library at the beginning of the school year 2015-2016. Students will be allowed to check them out in the library. Some of the books are available at the public library. A few of the 5th/6th grade books have an audio book. We hope you will encourage your children to read over the summer and get a start on the book lists.