

Battle of the Books

Grades 3 - 6

October through April

Do you enjoy reading? Do you like answering trivia questions? If you answered "yes" to both of these questions, then you'd love being a part of *Battle of the Books* here at Holy Redeemer!

What is Battle of the Books?

Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program. It is a competition that promotes literature among elementary age students and enhances reading comprehension skills. The purpose is simply to encourage students to read good books and have fun while reading the books.

Is Battle of the Books for a grade?

No, the competition portion will not count as a grade for your child. Your child is not required to compete. However, each student will be required to read 3 books from the list as a portion of the library curriculum throughout the year. The students will read one book during 1st semester and 2 books during the spring semester. For each required book, students will complete a summary log and a final presentation/book talk (details to come). Please encourage your child to read additional books and to participate in the school competition! We hope this will be a fun experience and that your child will enjoy reading and discussing books!

How does a student prepare to compete in Battle of the Books?

If students wish to take part in the Battle of the Books competition, they will need to divide the remaining books among team members. Students may count books they have read before. However, they cannot count books that they have only seen on a video or a movie. They must read the book or listen to it on tape. It is recommended (but not required) that students complete a summary log for each additional book read.

How does Battle of the Books work?

- Students form teams 4 students.
- Each team must be approved by Mrs. Davis. You must give her the name of each team member along with a group name. Teams must be formed from members of the same library class.
- Mrs. Davis will monitor each group's progress over the next few months.
- A local school competition will take place in the library in April.
- The winning teams from each grade level (3-6) will participate in the Archdiocesan Battle of the Books Competition.

Where do the students get the books?

The HR library will try to have multiple copies of many of the titles. Students are also encouraged to visit their public library as well.

Where can I find a list of the Battle books?

The 2011-2012 lists will be posted on the HR website.

When do students read the books?

Required books will be due during 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters, dates TBA. Students may read their optional books any time during the months of October through April.

When is our school Battle of the Books competition?

The HR school competition will take place in April. Each grade level will be assigned a certain day and the competition will be held in the pod. Parents do not attend these competitions.

When and where is the Archdiocesan competition?

The Archdiocesan competition will be held at Queen of Angels Catholic School in May.

When can we start reading Battle books?

Students can start reading at any time. No student will be expected to read all of the titles. Each team should divide the titles among the members as they see fit, and the students can take notes for the group on the books they read. Just remember, the competition is a long way off and remembering all those details can be difficult. Work with your team to develop a strategy for remembering all those details. HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!

Battle of the Books Registration Form

Student Name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

_____ Yes, my child is interested in participating!

_____ No, my child will not compete in the Battle of the Books competition.
However, I understand that my child will be required to read 3 books from
the list during the course of the year as a portion of his/her library grade.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Please return this form to Mrs. Davis during your library class. Forms are due by
October 14, 2011.