



Sisters Elementary School

“Home of the Outlaws”

Joan Warburg
Principal

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Dear 3rd- 4th Grade Battle of the Books Competitors and Families:

We are gearing up for our Battle of the Books competition season here at Sisters Elementary School and are looking forward to another successful year of reading and competing. It is a wonderful opportunity to have first access to read some great books, and to share the love of reading with our friends.

Sisters School District continues to require parent permission to participate in Oregon Battle of the Books. Parental Permission gives you, the parent, a say in which books your child reads should there be any on the list that do not meet your approval.

In addition, we encourage you to volunteer to help coach and run the battles. Our OBOB experience is dependent on volunteer support and your participation is greatly valued by both our coaches and students.

On the attached sheet, you will find the book list. Please fill out the parent permission slip and start reading. The competitions start in January, so students have plenty of time to read all the books on their list. The most successful teams read the books multiple times. So jump in and have fun!

Joan Warburg, Principal
Catherine Griffin & Laura Roth, OBOB Coaches

Battle of the Books Parent Permission Slip 2023-2024

Please sign and return the bottom portion of this page to Mrs. Roth (You may bring it to your teacher, the library, or take it to the front office.) **Our library has several copies of each of the 16 novels.** You can also borrow books from our Sisters branch of the Deschutes County Library.

Please turn in permission slip no later than Oct. 16th

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I will support my child in the Battle of the Books program:

Student’s Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email & Phone # _____

Are you available to volunteer with SES OBOB? _____

I want to be a member of a Battle of the Books team:

Student Signature: _____

Grade: _____ **Homeroom Teacher:** _____

I do not give my student permission to read the following book(s):

2023-24 OBOB titles for grades 3-5

Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd

Hoping to adopt a pet to find a sense of belonging in her busy family, Maggie is disappointed to discover she is severely allergic to anything with fur and tries to find a pet to love anyway.

Flor and Miranda Steal the Show by Jennifer Torres

Enjoy carnival rides and deep fried pickles in this warm, funny middle grade novel about family and friendship.

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

Claudia and her brother Jamie run away from home and take up residence in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

The List of Things that Will Not Change by Rebecca Stead

Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer.

The Lion of Mars by Jennifer L. Holm

Bell has spent his whole life, all eleven years of it, on Mars. But he's still just a regular kid who loves cats, any kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in the US colony are keeping.

The Midnight Children by Dan Gemeinhart

When Lonely Ravani Foster discovers his new friend Virginia and her six mysterious runaway companions are in danger, he must fight to keep them safe or lose the only person who has ever understood him.

Molly and the Twin Towers: A 9/11 Survival Story by Jessika Fleck

When the Twin Towers fall on September 11, 2001, twelve-year-old Molly is unable to reach her dads or Gran. She must get herself and her sister safely home.

New From Here by Kelly Yang

Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during the initial outbreak of a pandemic.

Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac

When the COVID-19 pandemic starts, Malian, a young Wabanaki girl, is quarantined with her grandparents on the reservation, where she befriends a local dog and learns about her people's history

Swim Team by Johnny Christmas

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, Enith Brigitha, home to the Mighty Manatees--until she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101.

The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin

J.J. Tully is a former search-and-rescue dog who is trying to enjoy his retirement after years of performing daring missions saving lives. So he's not terribly impressed when two chicks named Dirt and Sugar (who look like popcorn on legs) and their chicken mom show up demanding his help to find their missing siblings.

A True Home by Kallie George

When Mona the Mouse stumbles across the wondrous world of the Heartwood Hotel in the middle of a storm, she desperately hopes they'll let her stay.

Ways to Make Sunshine by Renée Watson

The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job. No matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history.

Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom by Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams

After pulling a magical thunderbolt from a stone, ten-year-old Zeus goes on the adventure of a lifetime

For complete OBOB information, please visit <https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/>

