

ANTIOCH ELEMENTARY

Elementary Battle of the Books Program



September 2019

Dear Parents,

The purpose of the Elementary Battle of the Books (E-BOB) program is to encourage students to read. This is accomplished through exposure to quality literature by prominent authors representing a variety of literary styles. The E-BOB program was designed and is supervised by the North Carolina School Library Media Association. Please visit their website at <https://www.ncslma.org/EBOB> for more information or the list of books. The game-style competition format creates excitement and interest in reading, improving students' reading skills and exposing them to literature that they might not choose on their own. The program is open to all 4th and 5th grade students.

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in this program. Before making a commitment, it is important to understand what your child will be asked to do. Beginning on Tuesday, October 1, the E-BOB team will meet after school one day a week on Tuesdays to discuss the books, do activities about the books and practice answering trivia questions about them. Students will need to be available for these meetings each week from 2:00 until 3:00. The book list for the E-BOB program contains 15 books; team members are asked to read ALL of the books on the list in order to prepare for the competitions. This will require lots of extracurricular reading by your child to be successful in this program. The school library and local public library branches both have copies available for checkout (no need to purchase).

The schedule for E-BOB will run as follows: From now until January 14, 2020, any student who is actively reading (or re-reading), wishes to participate and who maintains acceptable

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I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in the Elementary Battle of the Books program at Antioch. I understand what is required of him/her to be a part of this team.

Student Signature_____

Teacher _____

Parent Signature_____

Grade Level_____

Parent Email** (please print)_____

**this will be used to create a distribution list for E-BOB parents to receive updates and information about the program

behavior standards can attend the weekly meetings and prepare for competitions. ***According to the rules of the E-BOB handbook, only 12 students can participate in the district-level competition.***

After the winter break, on January 14, the students will be tested individually on their knowledge of the books' contents. The 12 students with the highest scores will become our "Competition Team". This means they will represent Antioch and compete in the district competition. **After January 14, only the 12 Competition team members will attend the weekly meetings.** The district competition will be held in March 2020.

If, after reading about the requirements of the program and discussing this with your child, you would like your child to participate, please sign on the front page and send the bottom portion of this letter back to me by **Friday, September 27. Our first Club meeting will be Tuesday, October 1.** I am excited to announce that Mrs. Leo (5th grade teacher) will be returning as our co-coach for this year!

Please feel free to email me at kimberly.kovach@ucps.k12.nc.us if you have any questions. E-BOB information is also available on the Media Center Page of the school website.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Kovach
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