

Dear NSES Families,

The purpose of the Elementary Battle of the Books (EBOB) program is to get our scholars reading. Through EBOB, students are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles. The game format creates interest and excitement in reading. Through the fun and excitement of the competition, students improve reading skills, mature in their choices of reading materials, and acquire a broader knowledge base. The EBOB program is open to 4th and 5th-grade students.

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in the program. Before committing, it is essential to understand what your child will be asked to do. Beginning on Monday, Nov 4th, the EBOB team will meet one day a week before school on Mondays from 7:05-7:25 to read and discuss books and practice answering trivia questions about them. The book list for the EBOB program contains 15 books; team members are asked to read as many of the books on the list as possible to prepare for the competitions. This will require extracurricular reading by your child to be successful in the program. There are multiple copies of each title in the media center available for checkout.

Our district competition is in March 2020. All students who wish to participate and who maintain acceptable behavior can attend the weekly meetings and prepare for the competitions. *However, according to the rules of the EBOB handbook, only 12 students can participate in the district-level competition.*

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

Student Signature _____ Teacher _____

Parent Signature _____ Grade Level _____

Parent Email _____

**This will be used to create a distribution list for EBOB parents to receive updates and information about the program.

During our meeting on Monday, Jan 15th, 2020, students who choose to will be tested individually on their knowledge of the books' contents. The 12 students with the highest scores will become our "district team." They will represent NSES and compete in the district competition. After the test, only the 12 district team members will attend the weekly meetings and we will increase to meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays mornings at 7:05-7:25.

If your child would like to participate, please sign on the front page and send the bottom portion of the letter back to Ms. Higgins, by Nov 1st. Our first team meeting will be Monday, Nov 4th at 7:05.

Please feel free to email me at natasha.higgins@ucps.k12.nc.us with any questions. Looking forward to a great EBOB season!

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