

Hello and Welcome to BOB!

Attached you will find an outline of our vision for how BOB will work this year at Southern Elementary. We have competed in the Guilford County Schools Battle of the Books since 2012 and we are excited to get started and have another great year!

The Battle of the Books team can only have up to 12 members so competition will be tight for the available spots.

The books we will be reading are:

Title	Author
A Nest for Celeste	Henry Cole
A Place at the Table	Saadia Faruqi & Laura Shovan
Clean Getaway	Nic Stone
Crenshaw	Katherine Applegate
Fish in a Tree	Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Front Desk	Kelly Yang
The Great Treehouse War	Lisa Graff
The Key to Extraordinary	Natalie Lloyd
The Last Last-Day-of-Summer	Lamar Giles
The Last Musketeer	Stuart Gibbs
The League of Seven	Alan Gratz
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg	Rodman Philbrick
Sal & Gabi Break the Universe	Carlos Hernandez
Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe	Jo Watson Hackl
Stand Up, Yumi Chung	Jessica Kim

The school will have 6-8 copies of each of these books for checkout. If you would like your own personal copies, these titles can be found in any bookstore including used book stores like Edward McKay and online stores like scholastic.com and amazon.com.

Students need to read the books, but they also need to memorize all the official titles and names of the authors. At the competition, many obscure and easily confused details will be used as questions, so the more they study a book the better! Sometimes reading one book several times will be more helpful to the team than buzzing through all 15 of them as quickly as possible.

I. Book Club Meetings

- A. Opening Meeting- Friday, Oct. 21st, 2:00-3:00pm* (Media Center)
 - a. Introduction to BOB
 - b. Check out books
- B. After school 2:00 – 3:00* (Media Center)
 - a. Nov. 4th (Friday)-entire club
 - b. Nov. 18th (Friday)- team determination meeting
- C. Book discussions
- D. Book activities
- E. Practice competitions

II. BOB Team

- a. Team members to be announced prior to Thanksgiving Break
- b. Up to 12 students will be chosen to represent SES at competition
- c. Afterschool meetings for Team Members will increase to every Friday starting with the December 2nd meeting
 - December Meetings: 2nd, 9th (NO MEETING December 16th)
 - January Meetings: 6th, 13th, 20th (NO MEETING January 27th)
 - February Meetings: 3rd

III. BOB Team members will:

- A. show excellent conduct and responsibility
- B. memorize all authors and titles
- C. read all assigned books
- D. show initiative by writing questions and rereading
- E. attend scheduled meetings

*Pick up students in car rider line at 3:00pm after club and team meetings