

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 all 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
Crenshaw	Katherine Applegate
Fish in a Tree	Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Front Desk	Kelly Yang
The Great Treehouse War	Lisa Graff
Greetings From Nowhere	Barbara O'Connor
The Key to Extraordinary	Natalie Lloyd
The Last Musketeer	Stuart Gibbs
The League of Seven	Alan Gatz
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg	Rodman Philbrick
Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe	Jo Watson Hackl
Smells Like Dog	Suzanne Selfors
Tuesdays at the Castle	Jessica Day George
Ungifted	Gordon Korman
Woods Runner	Gary Paulsen

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 their focus 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, Sept. 27th 2:25-4:00pm* (Media Center)
 - a. Introduction to BOB
 - b. Check out books
 - B. After school once a month 2:25 – 4:00* (Media Center)
 - a. Oct. 25th (Friday)-entire club
 - b. Nov. 15th (Friday)- team determination meeting
 - c. Dec. 6th (Friday)- team only
 - C. Book discussions
 - D. Book activities
 - E. Practice competitions
- II. Small Group Meetings**
 - A. Weekly meetings with a small group coach during the coach's lunch period
 - B. Monitor students reading
 - C. Test student knowledge of authors/titles of books
 - D. Students are in competition for up to 12 available spots on the Battle of the Books team.
- III. 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 6th meeting
- IV. 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 reading extra books or rereading
 - E. attend scheduled meetings

*Pick up students in car rider line at 4:00pm after club and team meetings

*Students registered for ACES will be taken there after meetings