



Etiwanda School District's BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

What is Battle of the Books?

The Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in grades 3-8. The purpose is simply to encourage students to read good literature from different genres plus the of practice of good sportsmanship, the development of leadership skills, and just plain FUN.

How does a student participate?

A student participates by reading from the book list provided for the year's Battle of the Books. Students may count "books" they have read before. However, they may not count books that they have only seen on a video or a movie. They must read the book (or have it read to them). Students sign up at their school site by completing the necessary paperwork.

When Do The Students Read The Books?

The battles will not be held until April or May of the year. Therefore, students will have plenty of time to read the books during the school year. Students must pass the AR quiz for each title they've read. Students may also listen to the books read aloud in class, read aloud by a parent or by listening to the audio version of the book.

What Is The "Battle?"

A typical "Battle" is a full day tournament or game, like the College Bowl, in which students' teams earn points by answering questions about the books on the book list. The day begins with a meeting in the cafeteria, a morning snack and directions for the day. Then they are assigned to a team, given a mascot, and sent to their first round of the "Battle." They play several rounds, each against a different team. At the end of the morning, points are totaled and the two teams with the most points are invited to a "Grand Battle" after lunch, with the other teams as their audience.

What does it cost to participate?

There is no cost for students to participate.

More information can be found at <http://www.etiwanda.org/library>