

**St. Monica's School**  
**2010-2011 Battle of the Books Program**

September, 2010

Dear 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and parents,

It's time for the **voluntary** program-- Battle of the Books (BOB)! This is a program for students with a true love of reading. There are 3 people on a team. There are 45 books on the reading list (see attached); each member should read at least 15 books by March 1<sup>st</sup>, to qualify for the in-school battles in mid-March, 2011.

The main reason for the program is to have fun reading new authors, but the competitive aspect is exciting as well. Here's how it works:

**1. TEAMS: 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students choose teams of 3 from their ENTIRE GRADE.** As you choose your team, please remember "We are All One Family in Christ" and be kind. Make your team quickly and once you commit, don't go back and say you want to be on another team. Each team member needs to fill out the contract below and return in an envelope to your homeroom teacher **by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th**.

**2. BOOK SELECTION/NOTE CARDS:** Your team should then meet together during library time, if possible, and split up the list, with **each of you promising to read 15 different books**. When you finish a book, make a note card (see separate sheet on this). Bring your cards with you to the school library and the parent aide will check off the books you've read on the class list, posted in the library. **Keep your cards on a ring to study later for March battles**. Choose a name for your team.

**3. FUN EVENTS:** Throughout the year, there will be fun activities for BOB kids. **Please see back for a calendar of these events**. Watch for them in the Weekly Reminder too.

**4. BATTLES:** Teams who have read a minimum of 35 books by March 1<sup>st</sup> will qualify for a series of in-school battles, where teams from each grade are asked questions about the books. Points are awarded for knowing the correct title and author. **The winning team for each grade will then qualify to compete in the regional Battle of the Books Invitational, hosted by Shorewood on the evening of Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** (PARENTS – Please check your child's availability on this date).

**If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact:**

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SMS BOB Coordinators

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**RETURN CONTRACT TO HOMEROOM TEACHER BY Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teammates:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be happy to volunteer to help with BOB activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to donate small prizes for BOB activities.

## 2010-2011 Battle of the Books Activity Calendar

Friday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>		Battle of the Book Team Contract Due
Friday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 – 11:50 AM	BOB Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 – 3:15 PM	BOB Meeting (TBA)
Wednesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 – 3:15 PM	BOB Meeting (TBA)
Friday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:30 – 12:15 PM	BOB Meeting (TBA)
Wednesday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 – 3:15 PM	BOB Meeting (TBA)
Wednesday, February 9 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 – 3:15 PM	BOB Meeting (TBA)
<b>Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>3:30 – 3:34 PM</b>	<b>Last day to turn in note cards to qualify for In-school Battles in March</b>
Wednesday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Qualifying BOB Teams Announced
Friday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 – 12:30 PM	Practice Battle
Week of March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Date/Time TBA	In-school Battle
Week of March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Date/Time TBA	In-school Battle
Week of March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Date/Time TBA	In-school Battle
<b>* Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>*</b>	<b>Evening</b>	<b>BOB Invitational, Shorewood</b>

**\* Parents, please be sure to check you child’s availability on this date, if their team should qualify to represent their grade and St. Monica’s at this regional battle.**

# 2010-2011 Battle of the Books Note Cards

After you read a book, make a note card! Keep all your note cards together with a ring clip in a special place and take them with you each time you go to the school library, so the teacher or aide can check off the books you've read since the last time. You may want to keep your pack of note cards in a little case.

Here is what your note card should look like:

**TITLE:** Include ALL little words like "a" or "the."

**AUTHOR:** First Name, Middle Name, Last Name just as it appears on the list.

**CHARACTERS:** List the main ones, with descriptions.

**SETTING:** Where did the book take place? When?

**QUESTIONS:** Write 3-4 questions about the book. The answer to the question should be the name of the book and the author. For example:

**Question:**

"In which book does a fish think two children are making terrible choices?"

**Answer:**

The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

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Battle of the Books 2010-2011  
Official List 05.28.2010**

	Author	Title
1	Armstrong, Alan W.	Whittington
2	Armstrong, William H.	Sounder
3	Banks, Lynne Reid	I, Houdini
4	Birdsall, Jeanne	The Penderwicks: a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy
5	Bishop, Claire Huchet	Twenty and Ten
6	Brittain, Bill	The Wish Giver
7	Broach, Elise	Shakespeare's Secret
8	Buck, Pearl S.	The Big Wave
9	Bunting, Eve	SOS Titanic
10	Cooper, Susan	The Boggart
11	Corder, Zizou	Lion Boy
12	Cottrell Boyce, Frank	Millions
13	Creech, Sharon	Walk Two Moons
14	Dahl, Roald	The Witches
15	De Angeli, Marguerite	The Door in the Wall
16	DuPrau, Jeanne	The City of Ember
17	Filipovic, Zlata	Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo
18	Fritz, Jean	The Double Life of Pocahontas
19	Funke, Cornelia	The Thief Lord
20	Gaiman, Neil	The Graveyard Book
21	Gardiner, John Reynolds	Stone Fox
22	Henkes, Kevin	Words of Stone
23	Hurwitz, Johanna	The Hot and Cold Summer
24	Juster, Norton	The Phantom Tollbooth
25	Kehret, Peg	Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio
26	Konigsburg, E.L.	The View from Saturday
27	Korman, Gordon	No More Dead Dogs
28	Lord, Bette Bao	In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson
29	McKay, Hilary	Indigo's Star
30	Mead, Alice	Junebug
31	Mowat, Farley	Owls in the Family
32	Murphy, Jim	The Great Fire
33	Neville, Emily Cheney	It's Like This, Cat
34	Park, Linda Sue	A Single Shard
35	Paulsen, Gary	My Life in Dog Years
36	Peck, Richard	The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts
37	Raskin, Ellen	The Westing Game
38	Rawls, Wilson	Where the Red Fern Grows
39	Reiss, Johanna	The Upstairs Room
40	Riordan, Rick	The Lightning Thief
41	Ryan, Pam Munoz	Riding Freedom
42	Taylor, Mildred D.	The Gold Cadillac
43	Taylor, Theodore	The Cay
44	Wiles, Deborah	Each Little Bird That Sings
45	Yep, Laurence	Dragonwings

# Battle of the Books

## Ice Cream Social



*Come and enjoy ice cream and time to play  
on the playground after school.*

**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 – 11:50 AM**  
**(early dismissal day)**

### **St. Monica's Playground**

**Here's what you need to do BEFORE Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> in order to participate:**

**1. TEAM – Divide Your List**

Get together with your team and divide your list of 45 books, so that each teammate plans to read 15 books. Highlight what each teammate will read in a different color and put the key at the bottom of the list. Put your name at the top of your list.

**2. READ ONE BOB book by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and fill out a note card for it, include:**

- a. **TITLE:** Include ALL little words like "a" or "the."
- b. **AUTHOR:** First Name, Middle Name, Last Name just as it appears on the list.
- c. **CHARACTERS:** List the main ones, with descriptions.
- d. **SETTING:** Where did the book take place? When?
- e. **QUESTIONS:** Write 3-4 questions about the book. The answer to the question should be the name of the book and the author.

**3. BRING YOUR LIST & NOTECARD to the Ice Cream Social.**

**PARENTS:** *If you would like to help with this event, contact Diane Deverey,  
diane.deverey@wwt.com.*