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**11th Annual DVEF BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
 PARENT/CUSTODIAL AND STUDENT AGREEMENT**

The Battle of the Books Program is a **VOLUNTARY** reading competition designed to promote the love and appreciation of reading to elementary school fifth and sixth grade students. Battle Books are selected based on the recommendation from research, school administrators, public librarians, and school library clerks. We are proud of our recommended titles for this program, and believe they all have a degree of literary value. The aim of this program is to encourage students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books.

A team is limited to three (3) students currently enrolled in either 5th or 6th grade at the participating school. Team members need to be in the same school (in-person and/or on-line), but not in the same grade. Once the first competition has begun, teams may not be modified unless the following conditions apply: if a team member has left the school, the remaining members may continue as a team of 2 or even 1. If a team member has moved away or become incapacitated an alternate (NOT currently on any team) may replace that team member. You may also replace with a student who is new to your school if he/she was participating in the Battle of the Books at his/her previous school site this year. Alternates **MAY NOT** be used to fill in for team members who are absent on the day of a competition or for members who have quit the Battle.

2023-2024 Battle Books:

Battle I (October):

- *DANGER IN THE DESERT, Fields
- *EL DEAFO, Bell
- *ELLA ENCHANTED, Levine
- *THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX, DiCamillo

Battle II (January/February):

- *BUNNICULA, Howe
- *RUNNING OUT OF TIME, Haddix
- *WALK TWO MOONS, Creech
- *A WRINKLE IN TIME, L'Engle

Battle III (March)

- *THE BORROWERS, Norton
- *ELEVEN, Giff
- *ESCAPE FROM MR. LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY, Grabenstein
- *RULES, Lord

See reverse side for more reading level information

As a model for your child's behavior, we ask all parents/guardian who wish their child to participate in this **VOLUNTARY** program to agree to the following conditions:

1. Questions are **NOT** to be transcribed, written down, or in any way recorded.
2. Competitions are **NOT** to be videotaped so as to maintain the integrity of the questions and the yearly competitions.
3. Prompting of any type from the audience is **NOT** allowed and will result in the question being disqualified.
4. Only members of a team are allowed to challenge questions.
 - a. Challenges must be submitted immediately upon team member questioning if an answer is incorrect and
 - b. *All decisions of the library clerks and judges are final*
5. Team members may not enter or exit the competition area during a round, whether at a school level, or any competition going forward.

**Return signatures below ALONG WITH YOUR TEAM FORM to school library clerk and keep the above information.
 NOTE: Schools keep all SIGNATURE FORMS and TEAM FORMS and bring them with them to each battle.**

My student and I agree to participate in the DVEF Battle of the Books program as noted above. I consent for my child to read the Battle books for this year.

SCHOOL: SONORAN FOOTHILLS GRADE: _____ HOMEROOM TEACHER: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PH#: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Other Team Members (If Known): _____

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BATTLE 1

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	# OF PAGES	GENRE	AR BL	AR PTS	Lexile Level
<i>Danger in the Desert</i>	Terri Fields	126	Adventure	4.7	5.0	780L
<i>El Deafo</i>	Cece Bell	224	Biography; Graphic Novel	2.7	2.0	N/A
<i>Ella Enchanted</i>	Gail Carson Levine	232	Fantasy	4.6	8.0	670L
<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>	Kate DiCamillo	267	Animal fantasy	4.7	5.0	670L
Total Pages		849				

BATTLE 2

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	# OF PAGES	GENRE	AR BL	AR PTS	Lexile Level
<i>Bunnicula</i>	Deborah Howe	98	Animal fantasy; Supernatural, mystery	4.2	2.0	700L
<i>Running Out of Time</i>	Margaret Peterson Haddix	253	Suspense	4.8	7.0	730L
<i>Walk Two Moons</i>	Sharon Creech	280	Realistic	4.9	9.0	770L
<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	Madeleine L'Engle	203	Science Fiction	4.7	7.0	740L
Total Pages		834				

BATTLE 3

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	# OF PAGES	GENRE	AR BL	AR PTS	Lexile Level
<i>The Borrowers</i>	Mary Norton	177	Fantasy	5.3	5.0	780L
<i>Eleven</i>	Patricia Reilly Giff	164	Mystery	4.1	4.0	730L
<i>Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i>	Chris Grabenstein	291	Mystery	4.5	7.0	720L
<i>Rules</i>	Cynthia Lord	200	Realistic	3.9	4.0	720L
Total Pages		832				