

Dear SEES Parents,

Your child has the opportunity to participate in the SEES Book Bowl Program for the **2017-2018** school year. This is an optional program, which will take place at school, but involves reading books at home. Each student is required to read between 5-10 books from the list provided at the kick-off. The reading portion of this program would begin now. Your child will be given a list of the books that will be part of the Grades 1-2, Book Bowl Program.

In an effort to establish a sharing library, students are asked to purchase their first book and then donate it to the "sharing library" in the media center. Upon completion of each book, students will complete a "choice activity" to demonstrate understanding of the book they read. The attached permission slip needs to be signed and returned to your child's classroom teacher if your child wishes to participate in the program.

If your child wants to participate in the program, he/she is expected to come to the kick-off meeting, which will be held during school hours, Friday, November, 2nd.

What are "Book Battles"?

Book Battle programs are competitions similar to jeopardy or quiz games, but questions come from a controlled list of books that participants read in preparation for the matches. Our battles will take place between teams here at SEES.

How does it work?

Teams will be made up of students from 1st and 2nd grade. Teams will consist of six players, three from each grade level. All team members should be active and cooperative participants. Teams will be formed in January. Once a team has been formed, changes cannot be made.

Who makes sure the team members are reading?

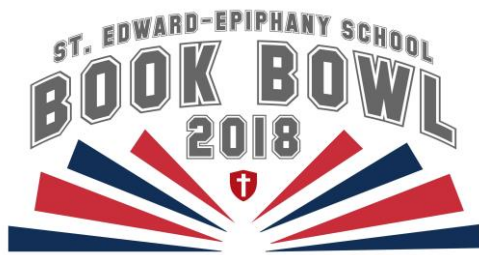
SEES Staff "coaches" (Ms. Stackow, Mrs. Young and Dr. Chalkley) will be monitoring each group's progress, but it is ultimately up to the kids to make sure that they read the books on the list. A team leader will be elected in January to assist parents and coaches. Team leaders will be selected after teams are formed. Each person will answer a few questions during the actual match; however, each team will confer before the final answer. It will be very important that all team members show up for all the matches if they choose to do this.

When does the "Elementary Book Battles" start?

Promotion begins in October, is intensified during the winter, and the battles take place right after Spring Break.

How are the actual Book Battles structured?

- On match day, there will be a judge, score keeper, time keeper, and a person to read the questions. (This person may be the same as the judge).
- Team order in the tournament will be randomly selected.
- Questions are all in the same format - In what book...? or In which book...?
- Answers are always in the form of the title and author of the book. A maximum of 3 points per question is possible (2 for title & 1 "bonus" for author).
- If an answer or only part of an answer (i.e. title only or author only) cannot be furnished by a team, the other team may answer and receive partial points for that question.



**SEES BOOK BOWL 2017-2018
Parent Permission Form**

_____ has my permission to participate in the 2017-2018 SEES Book Bowl Program.
I will support and encourage him/her in this program.

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

PERMISSION FORM IS DUE TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER

The Book Bowl is a fun and constructive program where the students enjoy both the reading and the competition. We do emphasize that any student who signs up to participate needs to make a commitment to their team and stay with the program until its end.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Stackow, Mrs. Young or Dr. Chalkley at
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“SEES” Book Bowl Books: Grades 1-2

Enemy Pie - Derek Munson

Ball Hog - Hoss Masterson

Dinosaurs Before Dark - Mary Pope Osborne

Claude in the City - Alex T. Smith

Diary of a Worm - Doreen Cronin

Stink - The Incredible Shrinking Kid - Megan McDonald

The Class Election from the Black Lagoon - Mike Thaler

Nate the Great Goes Down in the Dumps - Marjorie
Sharmat

Mrs. Muggles Learns to Read - Penny Ross

Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother
Baseball Team - Audrey Vernick