

3rd Grade is going to battle!

Dear Parents,

You may have heard your child talking about the upcoming competition that we are having. We are going to have a Plato Academy Battle of the Books! Amazing prizes will be earned, and we are excited about their plans to participate. To get us started, we will have a few of each book. You may, of course, go to the library to check them out at no charge, or purchase at a bookstore or online discount store. There is also a link at www.battleofthebooks.org. Below is some of the information from that website. Our school battle(s) will take place later in the year, but we recommend that you do not wait to begin these great stories! The titles are listed below, as well as their lexile scores.

3rd Graders...get ready, get set, GO READ!!!

910	Atwater, Richard	Mr. Popper's Penguins
370	Blume, Judy	Freckle Juice
360	Bulla, Clyde Robert	A Lion to Guard Us
500	Byars, Betsy	Tornado
730	Cleary, Beverly	Muggie Maggie
630	Coerr, Eleanor	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes
450	Cohen, Barbara	Molly's Pilgrim
870	Dahl, Roald	James and the Giant Peach
990	Gannett, Ruth Stiles	My Father's Dragon
490	Warner, Gertrude	Boxcar Children
680	White, E. B.	Charlotte's Web
930	Wildner, Laura Ingalls	Little House in the Big Woods

America's Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in grades 3-12. The purpose is simply to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with peers.

How Does A Student Participate?

A student participates by reading from the book list provided for that year's America's Battle of the Books. Students may count "books" they have read before. However, they cannot count books that they have only seen on a video or a movie. They must read the book. They should keep a summary so they can review this information before their "Local Battle."

Where Do The Students Get The Books?

School libraries may order copies of each book on the list. The book stores will also have them available. Teachers and librarians may order copies of each book on the list from wholesale distributor, [Beyda for Books](http://BeydaforBooks.com) (800) 422.3932.

What Is The "Battle?"

A typical "Battle" is a tournament or game, like the College Bowl, in which students' teams earn points by answering questions about the books on the book list. They are assigned to a team, given a mascot, and play several rounds in the battle, each against a different team. At the end of the battles, points are totaled and the two teams with the most points are invited to a "Grand Battle", with the other teams as their audience.

How Does It Benefit The Child?

The students gain knowledge and enjoyment from reading good books, sharing them with friends, parents and teachers, plus a fun day of playing in the "Battle."