

Battle of the Books

Grades 6-8 are participating in a "Battle of the Books" competition. We have a list of 20 books they can read from. The students are to read the book and take the AR quiz. If the student has read all 20 books before May 1st, they will be participating in the "Battle of the Books Battle". The students will be answering questions about the books they read. We will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The first place winner will receive an iPod touch. The other two prizes are to be determined at a later date.

Students can either read the book, have the book read to them, or listen to the book. The books can be purchased for them, or they can check out a copy in the school library.

The books we are using are the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Illinois' Children's Choice Award. The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award is an annual award given to the author of the book voted most outstanding by students in grades four through eight in participating Illinois schools. The award is named in honor of Rebecca Caudill who lived and wrote in Urbana, Illinois, for nearly 50 years. The award is given in recognition for her literary talent and the universal appeal of her books, which have touched the hearts of many children and young adults.

The following is the list of books:

Naked Mole-Rat Letters by: Mary Amato

Home of the Brave by: Katherine Applegate

Shark Girl by: Kelly L. Bingham

Shooting the Moon by: Frances O'Roark

Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott by: Russell Freedman

Dragon Slippers by: Jessica Day George

The Things About Georgie by: Lisa Graff

All the Lovely Bad Ones by: Mary Downing Hahn

Crossing the Wire by: Will Hobbs

Kimchi & Calamari by: Rose Kent

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by: Wendy Mass

The Mozart Question by: Michael Morpurgo

A Small White Scar by: K.A. Nuzum

The Wednesday Wars by: Gary D. Schmidt

Elephant Run by: Roland Smith

The White Giraffe by: Lauren St. John

First Light by: Rebecca Stead

Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree by: Lauren Tarshis

A Crooked Kind of Perfect by: Linda Urban

Someone Named Eva by: Joan M. Wolf