

REWARDS:

All students must read at least four of the Mark Twain Award nominees to be eligible to vote in March for the Mark Twain Award. Participating in the Battle of the Books ensures students will have read the required four books and be eligible to vote.

The winning teams will be allowed to pick merchandise from the Clark Vitt Book Fair.

BEST OF ALL, EACH STUDENT WILL BENEFIT FROM READING SOME VERY GOOD BOOKS!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING:

Informational meetings will be held in the library before school to answer any questions students may have about the Battle of the Books including questions about forming teams. The dates of the informational meetings are:

Tuesday, August 23
Wednesday, August 24
Thursday, August 25

Copies of the official rules and parent consent forms will be handed out when students register for the contest.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TITLES 2011-2012:

MARK TWAIN AWARDS

Faith, Hope, and Ivy June
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
AR Level 5.8

Captain Nobody by Dean Pitchford
AR Level 4.7

The Secret of Zoom by Lynne Jonell
AR Level 5.1

The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z
By Kate Messner
AR Level 4.2

Love, Aubrey by Suzanne LaFleur
AR Level 3.7

The Potato Chip Puzzles by Eric Berlin
AR Level 4.4

11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass
AR Level 4.1

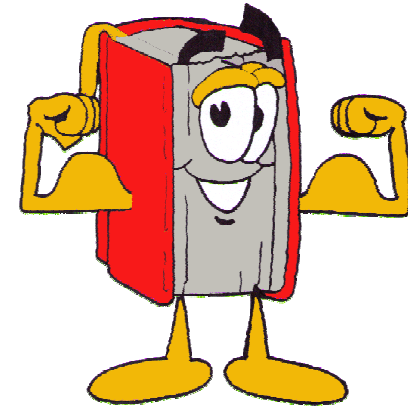
Heart of a Shepherd by Rosanne Parry
AR Level 5.2

Runaway Twin by Peg Kehret
AR Level 4.7

Million-Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica
AR Level 5.4

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2010 - 2011



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

PURPOSE:

The Battle of the Books is a contest open to students at Clark Vitt. Scores are kept and winners recognized, but emphasis is placed on working as a team and the fun of reading.

FORMING TEAMS:

Each team will consist of 5-6 players. Teams may have members all from one grade level or a combination of grade levels.

BATTLE PROCEDURES:

During the contest, teams will work together to answer questions about the books. Points will be awarded for each correct book title and for the name of the author. Lightning Round questions will ask for specific details about the book and teams will be awarded points for each correct answer.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TIMELINE:

Students will begin reading the books in October, and the Battle of the Books will be on March 13, 2012. If the Battle is cancelled on March 13, 2012 due to inclement weather, the alternate date is March 20, 2012.

WHERE TO FIND THE BOOKS:

Multiple copies of each of the books are available in the Clark Vitt Library. Copies of each book will be available only to Battle of the Books participants and will be checked out using “cards” instead of the computer. This allows students to check out one battle book in addition to the two books usually checked out. Since these are Mark Twain Award Nominees, copies of these books will also be available at Scenic Regional. Teachers may also have copies of the books in their classroom.

READING THE BOOKS:

Ten titles have been chosen from the Mark Twain Award nominees for 2011 – 2012. Teams will choose how to divide the books so each book is read by at least one team member. It is beneficial to the team if more than one team member reads each book, but is not required.

BATTLE QUESTIONS:

A committee of teachers and the librarian will be reading the books and writing questions to be used in the battle contest.

PRACTICING FOR THE BATTLE:

Students will have several ways to practice for the battle. These are optional; **participation is not required.**

1. The library will be open on scheduled mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. These times will be announced and will be posted outside the library. Students may come at that time to check out battle books or read battle books. Battle books may also be checked out during regular library class or open library times.
2. Beginning January 10, one day a week will be set aside from 7:20 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. for team practice. These practices will be announced and will be posted outside the library. The librarian or teachers will be available to assist with practice rounds.
3. A sheet will be available to take notes on the book noting main characters, plot, setting, theme, and short summary.
4. Questions written by the Battle of the Books Committee that will not be used for the final battle will be available in the library for practice.