Dear families,

Your child has expressed interest in taking part in this year's Battle of the Books reading competition. Hooray! The goals of this event are to encourage reading, broaden reading interests, and have fun reading in a team environment. This year, the theme is "Canadian Authors."

Starting this month, students can take out one book at a time and read it individually. The expectation is that the student reads ALL of the books, at least once, before March. Battle books do not count towards a student's library limit (For example, in grade 3–5 students are allowed to take three books each. Now they can still take their regular three, but can also take a battle book for a total of four books).

In January, same grade teams of two or three will be formed and students will practice with other grade teams to answer questions based on the books. The questions all begin with, "In what book..." so that the answer will always be the title of a book. Teams are responsible for creating a team name and poster, as well as attending meetings and practices.

At the end of February, we have a school competition. The two winning teams from each grade move on to the zone competition, where we face another school. If a team from our school wins at zones, then they move on to the final district competition shortly after.

If you have any questions, please send me an email at Laura.Brzovic@sd72.bc.ca

Thank you and happy reading!