



Dear Families:

Your child has expressed interest in taking part in this year's "**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**" reading competition. The goals of this event are to encourage reading, broaden reading interests and have fun with reading in a team environment. Books are chosen by our district's Teacher-Librarians for grades 3, 4 and 5. This year the theme is Canadian Authors! 😊 At this point, students **individually** read the chosen books for their grade level. Multiple copies of the books are available in the library. Many titles are also available in ebook or audio book format on the SORA app. Students can use their school login information to access. The SORA app can be downloaded to any device or used online.

In January, same grade teams of two to three will be formed and students will practice with other same grade teams to correctly 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 will have a School competition with two winning teams from each grade representing our school at a Zone Battle of the Books event. If a team from our school wins the Zone competition, scheduled for early March, they will go on to compete at the District Battle of the Books following shortly after. Further information will follow, such as the exact list of books, and will be posted on the school website.

You can help support your child by:

- Encouraging them to read the chosen books
- Helping to keep track of which books have been read
- Reading the books to your child and/or sharing the reading with them (there is no rule against this!)
- Discussing the books with them

If you have further questions, please email Mrs. Sharpe, the Teacher Librarian, at catherine.sharpe@sd72.bc.ca.

THANK YOU and looking forward to a great "Battle" year!