

Dear Parents,

The Battle of the Books list has been published! We are so excited to share these titles with our rising Middle School families. Each Middle School student is provided the opportunity to participate in a friendly competition to showcase their knowledge of current children's literature.

The purpose of this reading enrichment program is to encourage recreational reading, offer a variety of types of literature, increase familiarity with different authors, and share books through written and oral expression. The challenge is for students to read as many of the fifteen books as possible by March 2020.

On the reverse of this sheet you will find the 2019-2020 Battle Official Title/Author List. These books are *Florida Sunshine State Award Books*, selected by a panel of media specialists throughout the state. They represent a variety of multi-cultural backgrounds, as well as, a range of reading levels. Several of these are the first book in a series, so if your child really enjoys a book, I encourage him/her to look into other books by that author.

All students will receive a tracking chart for the challenge so that they can record their progress. Students can earn prizes by reading the books and demonstrating knowledge.

In the spring, a Qualifying Test on the 15 books will be given to all participating students. The top four scorers in each class will represent their class in the school's Battle. Middle School classes, as well as, the parents of the contestants, will be invited to attend the Battle. The winning classroom will attend a district Battle with other charter schools. All students who read the books are winners; however, for having read great children's literature!

HAPPY READING!!!

SSYRA Books 2019-2020 Grades 6-8

24 Hours in Nowhere by Dusti Bowling The Adventurers Guild by Zack Loran Clark All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson Boy X by Dan Smith Breakout by Kate Messner Captain Superlative by J.S. Puller Elephant Secret by Eric Walters Ethan Marcus Stands Up by Michele Weber Hurwitz Greetings from Witness Protection by Jake Burt Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World by Ashley Herring Blake Knockout by K.A Holt Nightbooks by J.A. White Playing Atari with Saddam Hussein by Jennifer Roy Slider by Pete Hautman Small Spaces by Katherine Arden

How many will you read???