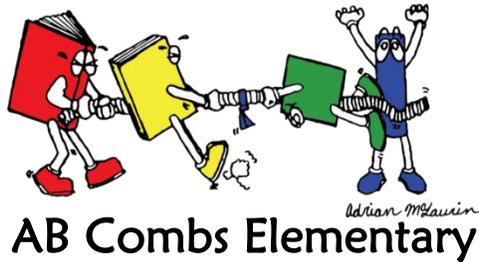


NORTH CAROLINA BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



AB Combs Elementary

Dear 4th and 5th Grade Students and Parents,

We are excited to start Combs' first ever Battle of the Books team. We had originally planned to do an "in-house" competition (Reading Rumble), but were invited to participate in a competition involving other schools. This is a great opportunity to showcase our leaders in reading! Our plan is to meet once a week during lunch in order to collaborate on reading, discussing, and critically thinking about the books, as well as using our creative minds to write questions for each book. The meeting time may change since we don't know exactly how many students we will have participating. Any student that signs up for the team is committing to reading at least 8 of the books by February. As the competition is focused on recall of information from the books, this is a very important part of the commitment. The books we will be reading are listed on the back of this sheet.

If your student is interested in being a part of the team, please fill out this bottom portion and return to school by Wednesday, October 19, 2016.

NAME: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Why do you want to be part of the Combs Battle of the Book team?

2016-2017 NC Elementary Battle of the Books List

TITLE	AUTHOR
A Long Walk to Water	Linda Sue Park
A Nest for Celeste	Henry Cole
Crenshaw	Katherine Applegate
Fish in a Tree	Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Greetings From Nowhere	Barbara O'Connor
Jake	Audrey Couloumbis
Love, Ruby Lavender	Deborah Wiles
Savvy	Ingrid Law
Smells Like Dog	Suzanne Selfors
The Homework Machine	Dan Gutman
The Key to Extraordinary	Natalie Lloyd
The League of Seven	Alan Gratz
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg	Rodman Philbrick
The Tale of Despereaux	Kate DiCamillo
The Year of the Dog	Grace Lin
Tuesdays at the Castle	Jessica Day George
Ungifted	Gordon Korman
Woods Runner	Gary Paulsen