



Battle of the Books

An Invitation to All 5th and 6th Graders

To Read with the Battle of the Books Club 2023-2024

When: TBD

Where: TBD

All 5th and 6th graders are welcome to become members of Holy Spirit's Battle of the Books Club and attend meetings during the school year. You will need to submit signed permission form and have read the scheduled book. (You will receive the permission form in August when you return to school.)

To help you prepare for becoming a team member, we have included the reading list for the Battle. We will read twelve (12) books over the course of the year. Take good notes and be ready to ask questions. We hope you like these books as much as we do!

Here is the 2023-2024 list:

- Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle; By: Christina Uss; ISBN: 978-0823445738
- Child of the Dream: A Memoir of 1963; By: Sharon Robinson; ISBN: 978-1338282818
- City Spies (City Spies #1); By: James Ponti; ISBN: 978-1534414921
- Freddie vs. the Family Curse; By: Tracy Badua; ISBN: 978-0358612896
- Freewater; By: Amina Luqman-Dawson; ISBN: 978-0316056618 (The paperback version will be available in August, 2023)
- Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas; By: Cheryl Bardoe; ISBN: 978-1419718403
- Here in the Real World; By: Sara Pennypacker; ISBN: 978-0062698964
- In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson; By: Bette Bao Lord; ISBN: 978-0064401753
- Malamander (An Eerie-on-Sea Mystery, #1); By: Thomas Taylor; ISBN: 978-1406386288
- The Next Great Paulie Fink; By: Ali Benjamin; ISBN: 978-0316380874
- The Winged Watchman; By: Hilda Van Stockum; ISBN: 978-1883937072
- Wildoak; By: C.C. Harrington; ISBN: 978-1338803860

The library will purchase one copy of each of the selected books for students to check out on a first-come, first-served basis. We ask students to return books as soon as they finish so others may also check them out. Copies are also available in your public library as well as on Amazon or any local bookstore. Students who purchase their own books tend to do better in our discussion group.

We encourage parents to participate by either reading the book along with your child or making sure your child has time to read and comes ready to participate each week.

Get ready to share in fun activities and discussions with your classmates! In May, we will choose five members of our group to represent us in the diocesan competition and battle 28 other schools in an "It's Academic" type setting. We will all go along to cheer on our teammates. It is both exciting and fun to see what all of us have learned during the year.

Again, please read ahead and use your time wisely! We look forward to seeing all of you in August. Have a blessed and peaceful summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Coney and Mrs. Bush