Dear Fourth and Fifth Grade Parents,

Our school is offering a new club for 4th and 5th grade students beginning next year. The Battle of the Books Literary Club is designed to encourage elementary students to:

- **Read** quality literature.
- **Read** over the summer months and in their leisure time during the school year.
- **Read** for information as well as pleasure.

By choosing to participate in this club, your child will be introduced to a variety of fiction and non-fiction books.

Incoming fourth and fifth graders are given the opportunity to participate in the Battle of the Books Literary Club. Students of all reading levels are invited to participate. Students can also listen to the books if you read to them or go to the public library and get the books on tape. Students read at least seven titles from the attached book list. Many of the books are award-winning pieces of literature.

During the first and second trimester of the school year, students will participate in 10 book battle sessions. Mrs. Leonard and Mr. McDonald will supervise. We will meet for 10 battle session on **MONDAY MORNINGS** in the library. **Please note that this is a change from last year’s schedule.** Regular attendance at all of the Battle of the Book Club meetings is expected.

At the end of the 10 battle sessions, student teams will compete against one another at the Battle of the Books competition. This competition will take place in January at Independence to choose the one team who will represent us at the district competition. The district competition will be in February.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Leonard. We’re looking forward to a new and fun opportunity for Independence fourth and fifth grade students.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leonard

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720-886-8238
Battle of the Books Permission Slip

The Battle of the Books Club will hold its meetings on **MONDAY mornings** from **8:00-8:45** in the Library beginning in **OCTOBER**.

Appropriate student behavior is expected and is to be maintained on a consistent basis. Students who are unable to meet this expectation will be excused from the club. Students must pass the AR test for the books in order to participate.

The Battle of the Books Literacy Club will hold its meetings on the following dates. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATES FOR OUR MEETINGS. ALL MEETINGS, EXCEPT FOR THE FINAL BATTLE, WILL BE MONDAY MORNINGS IN THE LIBRARY FROM 8:00-8:45.**

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For our grand finale, a Battle of the Books team competition will take place the week of January 28 with third, fourth and fifth graders in attendance.

**PLEASE KEEP THE TOP PART FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND RETURN THIS FORM BY SEPTEMBER 25, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND MRS. LEONARD WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU.**

_____ Yes, my child has permission to participate in the Battle of the Books Literacy Club.

Student Name ________________________________________________

Grade:_______ Teacher: _________________________________________

Parent Signature ____________________________________________

Date _______________________________________________________

In the event that I need to be contacted, I can be reached at: