

Centennial Elementary School's



Frequently Asked Questions

Who will be taking part in this program?

All Centennial Elementary fifth graders will be participating in this program.

What incentives are being offered for the students taking part in this program?

First, in January we will be giving the students a qualifying test on the books. The students who score 70% or higher on the test will take part in a fun panel competition in our little theater. All participants in the panel competition will win a gift card for a new book. Second, all of the book choices are Accelerated Reader books so the points earned on the tests can be counted toward each student's reading grade. Third, the students will be able to earn extra credit points toward their reading or writing grades by completing book report sheets that have been designed for the *Battle of the Books* display in the library.

When does the program start and end?

We will introduce the program to the students during the third week of September, and information will be communicated to all families through our classroom newsletters at that time. It will conclude with the panel competition in January.

How were the books chosen?

The fifth grade teachers along with a number of other staff members chose books they felt the students would be able to read for both learning and enjoyment. We essentially just chose books that we loved ourselves.

Where can the students find the books?

All of the books chosen are available in our school's media center, as well as at the nearby public libraries. Since the demand for them will be high during this program, it will be necessary at times for the students to be patient and persistent when looking for the books.

Why were some books chosen with a reading level below fifth grade?

We wanted this program to be available for all students, and since research shows that more than 70% of what young readers read should be at their independent reading level, we felt it would be a good idea to mix in some books with great content and easier vocabulary.