Dear 5th Grade Families,

We are kicking off Battle of the Books (BOTB) for the 2019-2020 school year!

**What is Battle of the Books?** BOTB is a voluntary reading incentive program in which students read from a book list over several months and then come together in teams made up of their classmates to test their knowledge of the books. The “battles” are gamesin which teams of students earn points by answering questions about the books on the book list. The teams play several rounds and at the end, points are totaled to find a winning team. It is a really fun and exciting time for students! The BOTB competition and celebration for participants will be held in May. Students have between now and then to read books from the book list. The Granville K-6 PTO sponsors this event.

**How do I participate?** Students participate by reading from the list below. Students must read or listen to the books (no movies instead of reading). Students do not have to read all the books on the list, but they must read at least 8 of the books in order to participate.

**Do I have to participate?** All students are encouraged to participate, but they are not required. The 5th grade teachers have carefully chosen the book list. The list is intended to meet a wide range of interests and abilities.

**2019-2020 Book List for 5th Grade**

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| **BOOK** | **AUTHOR** |
| Ella Enchanted | Gail Carson Levine |
| Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library | Chris Grabenstein |
| Wishtree | Katherine Applegate |
| Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone | J.K. Rowling |
| Save Me a Seat | Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan |
| Amulet: The Stonekeeper | Kazu Kibuishi |
| Running Out of Time | Margaret Peterson Haddix |
| Shiloh | Phyllis Reynolds Naylor |
| The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe | C. S. Lewis |
| The Tale of Despereaux | Kate DiCamillo |
| The Crossover | Kwame Alexander |
| Wonder | R. J. Palacio |

We will send home more details about the competition and ice cream celebration in the spring, but suggest that students start reading now.

Please contact us with any questions. Happy reading!

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