Dear 4th Grade Families,

We are kicking off Battle of the Books (BOTB) for the 2017-2018 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.

**What is the mission of Battle of the Books?** The mission is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, to promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork.

**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 **6** of the books in order to participate.

**Do I have to participate?** All students are encouraged to participate, but they are not required. Both the 4th grade teachers and the national BOTB organization have carefully chosen the book list. The list is intended to meet a wide range of interests and abilities.

**2017-2018 Book List for 4th Grade**

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| **BOOK** | **AUTHOR** |
| A Dog’s Life: Autobiography of a Stray | Ann Martin |
| Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery | Deborah and James Howe |
| Can’t You Make Them Behave, King George? | Jean Fritz |
| Paul Bunyan 20th Anniversary Edition | Steven Kellogg |
| Phineas L. MacGuire…Erupts! | Frances O’Roark Dowell |
| Sideways Stories from Wayside School | Louis Sachar |
| Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing | Judy Blume |
| The Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth | Joanna Cole |
| The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane  | Kate DiCamillo |
| The One and Only Ivan | Katherine Applegate |
| The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog | John Erickson |
| What’s the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? | Jean Fritz |

We will send home more details about the competition and celebration at a later date, but suggest students start reading now.

Please contact us with any questions. Happy reading!

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