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Dear Third Grade Families,

 At the end of the school year, third grade students will have an opportunity to participate in **Battle of the Books**. Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program in which students read from a booklist and come together in teams to demonstrate their abilities and test their knowledge of the books they have read. The competitions are similar to the TV series Family Feud or Whiz Kids. During the competition, students will answer questions like the following: In what book does the family sleep on a pallet made from corn husks? Students can also earn bonus points by naming the author.

Our competition or “battle” will be held at the end of May. In order to participate, your child will need to read at least **10 of the 15** **books.** Students do not need to sign up now or commit to participating. We just want you to have the book list so you can encourage your child to start reading. Every year, we hear from kids who watch the competition and wish that they had participated. Encourage your child to give it a try…they won’t regret it!

**2019-2020 Book List for 3th Grade**

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| **BOOK** | **AUTHOR** |
| Mr. Popper’s Penguins  | Richard Atwater |
| The World According to Humphrey  | Betty Birney |
| Freckle Juice | Judy Blume |
| A Lion to Guard Us | Clyde Robert Bulla |
| Tornado | Betsy Byars |
| Muggie Maggie | Beverly Cleary |
| Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes | Eleanor Coerr |
| Molly’s Pilgrim | Barbara Cohen |
| Miss Rumphius | Barbara Cooney |
| George’s Marvelous Medicine | Roald Dahl |
| James and the Giant Peach | Roald Dahl |
| My Father’s Dragon | Ruth Stiles Gannett |
| Boxcar Children | Gertrude Warner |
| Charlotte’s Web | E. B. White |
| Little House in the Big Woods | Laura Ingalls Wilder |

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