



Dear Parent,

This is an information letter and student contract for Vance's Battle of the Books program. Battle of the Books is a reading quiz-bowl competition held in March between Vance and Virginia Middle School. The goal of this activity is to increase students' reading for enjoyment and foster connections between the two schools. For the Battle of the Books, students collaborate with their teammates to read twelve books that have been selected by the librarians of each school.

Vance will have two teams for the competition, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade team and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. Teams will meet during lunch time - no after school meetings. Each team will be coached by Vance teachers who will help teams prepare for the competition. Books are provided, and all students who participate will receive a Battle of the Books T-Shirt.

Team members will begin reading and meeting the first week in November. The Battle will be held in February at the Bristol Public Library. Students will be excused from school the day of the competition. Transportation to the library and back to Vance is provided. Parents, friends and families members are encouraged to attend to watch the teams compete. Lunch for team members is provided.

Deciding to participate in the Battle of the Books requires a serious commitment. Each student must be willing to read 3-4 books from the list of twelve, attend meetings during lunch time, and prepare for the competition. If your student is interested in becoming a part of Bristol's Battle of the Books, please sign and return the attached contract.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to working with your student!

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