

* Read books from the EBOB list throughout the year and compete against other elementary schools across Wilson County, NC in March 2016.

**What?**

* The 2015-2016 EBOB list has 18 books.
* EBOB team members **must read at least** **10 out of 18** of these books by January 2016.
* EBOB team members must be willing to attend meetings regularly, create book questions, and discuss books with their teammates and the team coach.

**Who?**

* 4th and 5th grade students
* 12 students will compete in March 2016

**When?**

* Students will be assigned two groups of books that they are responsible for reading by January 2016.
* Students are expected to start reading their books this summer.
* The team’s first meeting will occur during the first week of September 2015.
* Team meetings will be once a week from September 2015-March 2016.

**Where?**

* Team practices will take place in the library.
* The location of the EBOB competition in March 2016 is currently unknown, but it will definitely occur off of the Lee Woodard Elementary School Campus.

**Why?**

* It encourages a love of reading and introduces you to new authors, new books, and new characters.
* It gets you out of class.
* It allows you to compete in a battle of wits against other elementary school students in Wilson, NC.
* It is an opportunity to get to know your classmates better and represent your school in a positive way!

**Group 1**

**Book Groups**

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| **Number** | **Title** | **Author** |
| 1 | A Dog’s Life | Ann M. Martin |
| 2 | School of Charm | Lisa Ann Scott |
| 3 | The Old Willis Place | Mary Downing Hahn |
| 4 | Becoming Naomi Leon | Pam Munoz Ryan |

**Group 2**

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| **Number** | **Title** | **Author** |
| 1 | Because of Winn-Dixie | Kate DiCamillo |
| 2 | Scumble | Ingrid Law |
| 3 | Runaway Twin | Peg Kehret |
| 4 | The Fourteenth Goldfish | Jennifer L. Holm |

**Group 3**

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| **Number** | **Title** | **Author** |
| 1 | How to Steal a Dog | Barbara O’Connor |
| 2 | Found | Margaret Peterson Haddix |
| 3 | Ruby Holler | Sharon Creech |
| 4 | Tuck Everlasting | Natalie Babbitt |

**Group 4**

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| **Number** | **Title** | **Author** |
| 1 | The One and Only Ivan | Katherine Applegate |
| 2 | A Snicker of Magic | Natalie Lloyd |
| 3 | The Lemonade War | Jacqueline Davies |
| 4 | Lawn Boy | Gary Paulsen |

**Mandatory Books**

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| **Number** | **Title** | **Author** |
| 1 | Stella by Starlight | Sharon M. Draper |
| 2 | Blood on the River | Elisa Carbone |

**Book Group Assignments**

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| **Student #** | **Book Set** | **Book Set** |
| 1 | Group 1 | Group 4 |
| 2 | Group 2 | Group 4 |
| 3 | Group 3 | Group 4 |
| 4 | Group 4 | Group 3 |
| 5 | Group 1 | Group 3 |
| 6 | Group 2 | Group 3 |
| 7 | Group 3 | Group 2 |
| 8 | Group 4 | Group 2 |
| 9 | Group 1 | Group 2 |
| 10 | Group 2 | Group 1 |
| 11 | Group 3 | Group 1 |
| 12 | Group 4 | Group 1 |

**Directions:**

1. You will be randomly assigned a student number. Your student number will determine which 2 group books you are responsible for reading.
2. The 2 book groups you are assigned will include 8 books total. You are also responsible for reading the 2 mandatory books: Stella by Starlight and Blood on the River. This will give you the 10 books you are required to read to be on the team. You are allowed, even encouraged, to read more than just these 10 books.
3. For each book you read, you should complete a graphic organizer that records the book’s main characters, setting, a summary of the book, and its title/author. An example that you can use is on page 6.
4. For each book you read, you should also come up with 10 questions about the book that can be used in team practice. These questions should follow the format outlined on page 16 of the NCSLMA Elementary School Battle of the Books Manual. This format is listed on page 5.
5. If you are joining the team, please be prepared to work hard!
6. You will find the intended due dates timeline for EBOB on the next page!

**Book 1**: Friday, September 18, 2015

**EBOB Due Dates Timeline**

**Book 2**: Friday, October 2, 2015

**Book 3**: Friday, October 16, 2015

**Book 4**: Friday, October 30, 2015

**Book 5**: Friday, November 13, 2015

**Book 6**: Monday, November 30, 2015

**Book 7**: Friday, December 11, 2015

**Book 8**: Friday, January 8, 2016

**Book 9**: Friday, January 22, 2016

**Book 10**: Monday, February 1, 2016

**EBOB COMPETITION: March 2016**

**NCSLMA’s Guidelines for Writing Questions**

1. Begin each question with "In which book…”

2. Use present tense, if possible, and correct grammar.

3. Character names and names of major setting locations cannot be used. Proper

names of places remote to a setting can be used. Example, if the main character

lives in Georgia but has always wanted to visit Italy, the question could read: "In

which book does a character save money to visit Italy?”

4. The pronouns “he”, “she”, “his”, or “her” may be used in writing questions.

5. Type the title and author as they appear on the official booklist.

6. Type the page number for the answer.

7. Avoid using words from the title.

8. Refrain from obvious questions.

9. Avoid questions that can be answered by more than one title.

10. Review each question to ensure all the criteria have been met (Are questions clear, concise, and correct)?

11. Do not use information written by people other than the author. Epilogues, prologues, and notes written by the author will be used to write questions.

