

May 2023

Dear Parents,

The purpose of the Elementary Battle of the Books (EBOB) program is to encourage students to read. This is accomplished through exposure to quality literature by prominent authors representing a variety of literary styles. The EBOB program was designed and is supervised by the North Carolina School Library Media Association. Please visit their website at <https://www.ncslma.org/EBOB> for more information. The game-style competition format creates excitement and interest in reading, improving students' reading skills and exposing them to literature that they might not choose on their own. The program is open to all 4th and 5th grade students.

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in this program. Before making a commitment, it is important to understand what your child will be asked to do. Beginning next fall, the STM EBOB team will meet two days a week during lunch, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, to discuss the books, partake in activities about the books and practice answering trivia questions about them (students will be permitted to eat their lunch in the library). The book list for the EBOB program contains 15 books; team members are asked to read ALL the books on the list to prepare for the competitions. This will require lots of extracurricular reading by your child to be successful in this program. The school library and local public library branches both have copies available for checkout (no need to purchase unless you choose to do so).

If, after reading about the requirements of this program and discussing it with your child, you would like your child to participate, please have your child log into EBOB in Google Classroom (code: **e5pczno**), sign and send the bottom portion of this letter back to us. Please feel free to email me at mstuit@stmcsnc.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Stuit

Teresa Kennedy

Jo Williams

Please Return to Mrs. Stuit by June 2, 2023

Yes, I am interested in joining EBOB for the 2023-2024 school year! I will be reading the list of books over the summer, fill out the FACT TRACKERS in Google Classroom (**class code: e5pczno**), and commit to two lunches per week, beginning in September, to meet with the EBOB team and coaches.

Student name and signature _____

Grade in 2023/2024 school year _____

Parent name and signature _____

Parent email (please print clearly) _____

Competition dates: TBD

Questions? Please contact Marilyn Stuit mstuit@stmcsnc.org

Sincerely,

Jo Williams, Teresa Kennedy, Marilyn Stuit

