

Hello 4th and 5th graders and families!!!!

I know a lot of you have questions about what to expect from the preBattle Kahoost and Final Battles, so I will do my best to answer some of those questions now.

As I said in our previous email, the PreBattle will be taking place on Monday, March 22 from 12 pm – 8 pm. The link to the Kahoot will be sent out the morning of March 22. By then you will each have received the name under which you will compete. It is very important that you use this identification when you compete because, while each reader will take the quiz individually, scores will be averaged into your team's overall score which will then be used to determine if your team will move on to represent your school in your grade's Final Battle.

The preBattles will be played as a Kahoot quiz. The questions will be a mix of multiple-choice, true or false, fill in the blank, and arrange these sequence of events in order. You will always know which book the question is coming from and it is very important that you know which author wrote which book. Spelling is usually not a factor in Battle of the Books, but it will be important for questions that require you to fill in the blank. Kahoot gives me the ability to allow for some alternate spellings, but I cannot guarantee that I will be able to account for all possible alternate spellings. (I will do my best to try to make these answers easy to spell if you know the answer.)

There will be 5 questions per book. One of those questions will definitely be about the author (*hint* that's why you need to know who wrote the books). You will have a maximum of 30 seconds to answer each question and each question is worth a maximum of 1000 points. Here is the fun part, the faster you answer, the more points you receive—so don't wait too long!!! If for any reason there is a tie, I will contact only the teams involved that evening to arrange a tie breaker.

On Tuesday, March 23, I will post a video to the library's website (ahplibrary.org) to announce the teams who will be moving on to the Final Battle. Remember, only one team per school will be moving on to the Final Battle. Through the generosity of the Friends of the Auburn Hills Public Library, who sponsor the Battle of the Books, each participating reader will be receiving a certificate and a commemorative prize. I will coordinate with schools to distribute these to students.

As for the Final Battles, we are still working out the details. I can tell you that they will be conducted as Zoom calls, and I will be using my usual format of a PowerPoint presentation of the questions, so each question will require a write-in answer. I will share more details as they become available.

I hope this has given you a clearer picture. If you continue to have questions regarding this year's Battle of the Books, feel free to email me directly, and I will respond as soon as possible.

Good luck to you all!!

Candie

PS...There are still a handful of readers who have yet to send me information about their teams. It is very important that I receive this information soon. I will be emailing these readers individually, so if you get an email, please respond as soon as possible. Thanks!!