

Hello and Welcome to BOB!

Attached you will find an outline of our vision for how BOB will work this year at Southern Elementary. We have competed in the Guilford County Schools Battle of the Books since 2012, and we are excited to get started and have another great year!

The Battle of the Books team can only have up to twelve members so competition will be tight for the available spots.

The books we will be reading are:

Title	Author
Shine on, Luz Veliz!	Rebecca Balcarcel
Stella by Starlight	Sharon M. Draper
Hello, Universe	Erin Entrada Kelly
Yusuf Azeem is not a Hero	Saadia Faruqi
Ban this Book	Alan Gratz
The Fourteenth Goldfish	Jennifer L. Holm
Shouting at the Rain	Lynda Mullaly Hunt
The Parker Inheritance	Varian Johnson
Chester Keene Cracks the Code	Kekla Magoon
From the Desk of Zoe Washington	Janae Marks
Rain Reign	Ann M. Martin
Merci Suarez Changes Gears	Meg Medina
**At the Bottom of the World	Bill Nye & Gregory Mone
*The Lost Library	Rebecca Stead & Wendy Mass
Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy	Angie Thomas
Save Me a Seat	Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan

The school will have 5-6 copies of each of these books for checkout. If you would like your own personal copies, these titles can be found in most bookstores including used bookstores like Edward McKay and online stores like scholastic.com and amazon.com.

Students need to read the books, but they also need to memorize all the official titles and names of the authors. At the competition, many obscure and easily confused details will be used as questions, so the more they study a book the better! Sometimes reading one book several times will be more helpful to the team than buzzing through all sixteen of them as quickly as possible.

I. Book Club Meetings

- A. Opening Meeting- Friday, Sept. 27th, 2:00-3:00pm* (Media Center)
 - a. Introduction to BOB
 - b. Check out books
- B. After school 2:00 – 3:00* (Media Center)
 - a. Oct. 25th (Friday)- entire club
 - b. Nov. 8th (Friday)-entire club
 - c. Nov. 22nd (Friday)- team determination meeting
- C. Book discussions
- D. Book activities
- E. Practice competitions

II. BOB Team

- a. Team members to be announced prior to Thanksgiving Break
- b. Up to twelve students will be chosen to represent SES at competition
- c. Afterschool meetings for Team Members will increase to every Friday starting with the December 6th meeting
 - December Meetings: 6th, 13th (NO MEETING December 20th)
 - January Meetings: 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
 - February Meetings: 7th, 14th
 - Virtual Preliminary Competitions will occur between Feb. 19th-26th (Will provide more information as it is received)

III. BOB Team members will:

- A. show excellent conduct and responsibility
- B. memorize all authors and titles
- C. read all assigned books
- D. show initiative by writing questions and rereading
- E. attend scheduled meetings

*Pick up students in the car rider line at 3:00pm after club and team meetings