

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) 2014-2015

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1. OBOB is a competition where students are asked questions about books that they have read. The questions are very specific and detailed. Each team is responsible for reading 16 books. Teams are expected to split the books between them but it is recommended that each student read as many of the books as they can.
2. Students participating in OBOB work in teams. While teams of four are recommended, students are allowed one alternate member on the team. However students who choose to be in teams of five should understand in advance that only four students get to participate in each "battle." Someone on their team will need to sit out each battle.
3. OBOB is a team competition and each participant has a responsibility to the team. Each OBOB participant must read at least four of the OBOB books, if not more. Students who don't like to read or don't have the time to read should not sign up for OBOB. Participation in OBOB is completely voluntarily. However if students do sign up, they need to read all of their assigned books because their team is relying on them.
4. OBOB teams will need to register with Ms. Johnson by October 1st. Between October 1st and January 15th there will be no OBOB practices or check-ins at school. Each team is expected to have a volunteer "mentor" to guide the team through reading/discussing the books. This mentor can be a parent or family member or a staff member. Mentors must have passed a school background check. It will be the responsibility of the mentor to arrange "team meetings" outside of the school day to check in with team members, make sure each team is reading their OBOB books, discuss the books, etc. These meetings can be once a month or more frequent depending on what the team and the mentor want. While helpful, it is not necessary for the mentors to have read all of the OBOB books.
5. In January and February the school will host a practice competition and then an official competition for all OBOB teams. The winner of the school competition will compete at the regional competition in March.
6. There are resources available to help the team mentors through the OBOB website. Mentors should check with Ms. Johnson if they need help accessing these resources.
7. Below is a list of the OBOB titles for 2014-2015. These books are available through the Fern Ridge Library or, can be purchased at Barnes and Noble, or can be checked out from the school library once school starts in the fall.

3-5 2014-2015 List

The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester by Barbara O'Connor

Gaby, Lost and Found by Angela Cervantes

Kizzy Ann Stamps by Jeri Watts

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

A Nest for Celeste by Henry Cole

Night of the Twisters by Ivy Ruckman

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Sasquatch by Roland Smith

Starry River of the Sky by Grace Lin

Swindle by Gordon Korman

Tales from the Odyssey, Part One by Mary Pope Osborne

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin

The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney

The Year of the Book by Andrea Cheng