Dear Parent (s) / Guardian (s):

Manchester Elementary School will once again be participating in the Elementary Battle of the Books (EBOB) program for the 2016-2017 school year. EBOB is sponsored by the North Carolina School Library Media Association (NCSLMA). The purpose of the Elementary Battle of the Books program is to encourage reading by all students at the elementary school level. Students, regardless of ability, are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints by prominent authors in the area of young adult literature. The game format creates interest and excitement in reading. Through the fun and excitement of the competition, students improve reading skills, mature in their choices of reading materials, and acquire a broader knowledge base. Even during the height of the competition, students and coaches should remember that the goal is to READ, not necessarily win. Source www.NSLMA.org

Requirements for the Battle of the Books Team Members:
Each team member must do the following:

- Be a 4th or 5th grader enrolled at Manchester Elementary School.
- Know all 18 titles and authors and pass test.
- Read at least 9 books from the list and know them well.
- Complete Memory Joggers for each book to help remember them.
- Study prepared questions from a subscription database (mybobteam.com) and/or print questions.
- Attend after-school meetings for practicing. Meetings will be held each Tuesday and Wednesday after school 2:30 - 3:45. Excessive absences will be grounds for dismissal from the program.
- Demonstrate commitment and be able to answer questions on a reliable basis. *Just reading the book is not enough. A minimum of five and a maximum of 12 players will be chosen for the traveling team in January.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude in all classes with no office referrals.

Requirements for Parent / Guardian:

- Arrange for your child to attend after-school meetings
- Pick your child up on time after school. Failure to pick up your child on time, may result in dismissal from the program.
- Sign and turn in all required forms by deadlines.
- Encourage your child. Your support is most crucial for his / her success and for the overall team. Help him / her study, read together, and attend meetings if possible.
Timeline and Suggested Pacing Guide for the EBOB 2016 - 2017

September
Mon. 12th: Permission forms to participate are due to Mrs. McLean.
Tues. 13th: First after-school meeting
Tues. 27th: Title / Authors test

October
Wed. 19th: At least 2 books should be fully read with memory jogger sheets completed.
Tues. 25th: Progress Monitoring: Students will take quizzes on the two books.

November
Tues. 15th: 2 additional books should be read with memory jogger sheets completed.
Tues. 22nd: Progress Monitoring: Students will take quizzes on books read thus far.

December
Wed. 14th: 2 additional books should be read with memory jogger sheets completed. Students will take quizzes on books read thus far.
**PLEASE DO NOT STOP READING OVER THE WINTER BREAK!!

January
Wed. 25th: Each student must have read ALL 9 books should be read with memory jogger sheets turned in. The TEAM must have read all 18 books. Traveling Team will be chosen.

February
Ongoing practice. Re-read books and study!

Early March
Competition will take place. Dates to be announced later.

We look forward to working with your child in this endeavor. We are so please to have the Fort Bragg Deltas helping again this year. Without their support, it would be very difficult to run this program! Parents, you are welcome to stay for meetings and help out as well. Please email Mrs. McLean if you have any questions: rebeccamclean@ccs.k12.nc.us or call 910-436-2151, ext 227.

Sincerely,

Rebecca McLean, Media Coordinator and Coach
Naeemah Moore, Support Coach
Harriett Wilson, Fort Bragg Deltas-Support Coach, Community Support Organizer

* Please see attached list. Participants will be allowed to check out titles from Manchester Elementary Media Center. Also the Spring Lake Public Library carries the same titles. Practice meetings will be held two days after school each week, beginning Tuesday, September 13.

Keep this section of the contract, the how to write questions sheet and the timeline for your records. **Sign and return** the signature page below the dotted line as assurance you have read and understand the team requirements and are allowing your child to participate.

I, _____________________, have read and understand the guidelines for EBOB and give my child __________________, permission to participate in the program.
Parent Signature________________________
Date:____________________
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