



Dear 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents,

We are excited to introduce ‘Battle of the Books’, a reading enrichment program for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Diocese of Arlington Schools. The participating students will read from a pre-selected list of 16 books. We will meet once a week after school to engage in a variety of activities to enhance the understanding and appreciation of the books read. We will review at least two books a month.

In the spring, a team of five students will be selected to represent our school in the Diocesan final meet. It is similar to an “It’s Academic” or “College Bowl” event where teams from each school are asked questions about the books on the list. The school teams earn points for questions answered correctly. The winning team is awarded a “Battle of the Books” banner which will travel each year to the winning school.

Although the Battle of the Books program is challenging, it is also fun for students who share a passion for reading. If you are interested in joining in the fun and excitement of this program, please email Mrs. Fernandez at [afernandez@nativityschool.org](mailto:afernandez@nativityschool.org). We plan to have our first meeting in the last week of October.

Thanks,

Mrs. Fernandez

