



# Life School Battle of the Books 2009

Dear Life School Parents and Students,

It's that time of year again! "The Battle of the Books" for 2009 is gearing up and the fun and learning is just around the corner! Would you like to win a computer for your home? How about a gift card for \$50 at Barnes and Noble? These great prizes and more are just part of the wonderful prizes for the winning teams of "The Battle of the Books".

Throughout the course of the next month, students will form teams of 3 or 4 students each with a parent or relative serving as their team coach. These students will begin to strategize among themselves and their coaches on the best ways to conquer the title list for the May 2009 Grand Battle. Each month they will meet to practice and review what they have learned as a team. As the Grand Battle grows closer, practice battles will be scheduled in order to give the teams a good sense of what the final battle will be like. In May, the process of elimination will begin with preliminary battles until we are left with the top three teams. The remaining teams will then take part in the Grand Battle until a single team is declared the victor.

The book list for this year's battle is attached and should be kept as a resource for each student and their family as they begin to make themselves familiar with the books. This competition is rigorous and students and parents should carefully consider the effort that will be required for students and their teams to be successful. I have no doubt that this year's Battle will be an extremely enriching experience for everyone involved and our titles are exceptional on every level. Extra copies of the books have been ordered for the library and will be available for checkout by students signed up for battle teams, and of course, each is available at your neighborhood public library.

**Students who are interested in participating must return the permission slip attached to this letter by Tuesday, February 3, 2009 along with their \$10.00 registration fee.** The registration fee fully covers the cost of the student's t-shirt. In February, teams will be formed from all participating students and a practice schedule developed in order to prepare the students for competition. Students are welcome to begin reading the books from the booklist immediately in order to prepare.

If you have any questions regarding the program, you may call or email your campus library. Also, if you would be willing to serve as a team coach, we would be thrilled to have your company! Simply check the box on the permission slip to express your interest and we'll contact you with more information.

Thank you so much for supporting our Life School students and encouraging a love of reading! Let the battle begin!

Mrs. Pegues, Battle Coordinator Life School Oak Cliff

Mrs. Edwards, Battle Coordinator Life School Red Oak



**Grand Prize Team~  
Each Member Wins  
a Home Computer!**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team~  
Each Member Wins  
a \$50.00 Gift  
Certificate to  
Barnes & Noble!**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team~  
Each Member Wins  
an Award Winning  
Home Library!**