

## Team Building for Battle of the Books

Students interested in participating in Battle of the Books (OBOB) will need to form teams. As always at Stephenson, they are expected to be safe, responsible and respectful as they go about this. Team building is an opportunity for students to build positive social skills, and a little coaching can go a long way. **Parents/Guardians: please take the time to review the procedures and expectations below with your child. By signing the OBOB registration form, both student and parent/guardian are pledging to follow these team-building guidelines.**

**How do I get on a team?** You find other Stephenson students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade that are interested in participating and sign up as a team.

- If you want to participate but aren't sure who you can be on a team with, tell your parents or our librarian, and they will help you.
- Teams will start registering during Library time during the month of November. If you decide you want to participate after that, you still can! Just ask your parents or Mr. Rocha if you need help finding a team.
- Sign up in the library.

**How many members should our team have?** At least 4 and no more than 5

- If your team is full and a classmate asks to join, you will need to tell them no. Be respectful by explaining that your team is full and help them find a team. That can be as simple as reminding them that they can ask for help.
- If your team has less than 4 members, you can ask your parents or Mr. Rocha for help finding more team members.
- If someone asks to join your team and you aren't sure if your team is full, be responsible by finding out and getting back to them.

**If I was on a team last year, but want to be on a different team this year, can I change?**

Yes, many students change teams from one year to the next.

- If you decide to change, your teammates from last year might ask if you are coming back. Be respectful by saying no and explaining that you want the experience of working with a new group. You can let them know that a lot of kids change teams, and they should easily be able to find a new teammate. You can remind them that if they have a hard time finding someone, they can ask a parent or Mr. Rocha to help.
- Being respectful means staying focused on the positive reasons you are changing teams. It's not respectful to say unkind things about others as you change teams or as you talk with your friends about forming teams.

Please remember OBOB is designed to be fun and encourage a love for reading! Working together we can make it a positive and rewarding experience for all students.