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Dear Parents,

As you may know, our district participates in the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB), which is a voluntary reading motivation and comprehension competition program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. Students in 3rd-12th grade, regardless of ability, are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints. As a reminder, our students and their parents have a choice whether or not to participate in OBOB; none of our teachers, nor our curriculum, require OBOB participation.

The OBOB book list for Grades 3-5 includes some books some may find controversial. If interested, you can find out more information about the criteria for the selection of titles by visiting:

<http://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/book-nomination-criteria/>

Here is the list of nominees for the OBOB books for the 3rd-5th Grade Division for 2023-2024:

- *Allergic* by Megan Wagner Lloyd
- *Flor and Miranda Steal the Show* by Jennifer Torres
- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg *
- *The Jumbies* by Tracey Baptiste
- *The List of Things that Will Not Change* by Rebecca Stead
- *The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *The Midnight Children* by Dan Gemeinhart
- *Molly and the Twin Towers: A 9/11 Survival Story* by Jessika Fleck
- *New From Here* by Kelly Yang
- *Rez Dogs* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Swim Team* by Johnnie Christmas
- *A True Home* by Kallie George
- *Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renee Watson
- *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller
- *Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom* by Joan Holub * Suzanne Williams (NOT the graphic novel version)
- *The Trouble with Chickens* by Doreen Cronin

*The official OBOB edition of *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler* is the 1998 edition from Atheneum Books for Young Readers (9780689711817). You may read another edition, but page numbers and content will be taken from this edition. No questions will be created from any prefaces, introductions, afterwards, etc.

We encourage parents/guardians to go over the list of books. You can research the books at the sites listed below.

<https://www.commonensemedia.org/>

<https://www.goodreads.com/>