

August 5, 2013

Dear Prospective Reading Bowl Students and Parents:

The reading bowl is a quiz bowl type of competition (grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) where students will answer questions about the Georgia Book Award Nominee novels. The reading bowl team is made up of a maximum of ten (and minimum of three) 4th and 5th grade students. **It is highly recommended that interested students begin reading the Reading Bowl books now in order to be competitive enough to make the team. The book list may be found at the PGE media center web page.** Students are not required to purchase books; copies will be provided for their use. The Georgia Book Award Nominees for 2015/16 can usually be found at local public libraries, and there will be at least two copies of each book available for check-out in the PGE school library.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to read the books on the 2015-2016 Georgia Award Nominee List and to participate in all reading bowl activities. **I am aware that some of the books on the list may contain mature themes and content.** Students are expected to read a minimum of 4 books before October 16, a minimum of 4 more books prior to December break, and a minimum of 2 more books prior to January 13. For each book read, students must create ten questions (with answers and page numbers listed) and must pass an A.R. reading test with a score of 80% or higher. Students are also expected to attend weekly afternoon practice sessions (2:30-3:30) held one day a week beginning in September. **If** my child is selected for the competition team, I agree to provide transportation to the district competition in January of 2016.

Thank you for your support, and if there are any questions, please contact Rhonda Lindsey @ [rhonda.lindsey@henry.k12.ga.us](mailto:rhonda.lindsey@henry.k12.ga.us). **\*Once parent signatures are obtained and returned to school, I will send home a letter regarding an informational letter and a listing of the tentative practice dates.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information about the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl, please take a look at the website:  
<http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/hrrb/>

**The following is the list of Reading Bowl books for the 2015-2016 school year:**

- Airgood, E. (2012). *Prairie Evers*. New York: Nancy Paulsen Books.
- Cavanaugh, N. (2013). *This journal belongs to Ratchet*. Naperville, IL: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky.
- Fleming, D. (2013). *The Saturday boy*. New York: Viking.
- Graff, L. (2014). *Absolutely almost*. New York: Philomel.
- Gratz, A. (2013). *Prisoner B-3087*. New York: Scholastic.
- Herrera, R. (2014). *Hope is a Ferris wheel*. New York: Amulet/Abrams.
- Holm, J.L. (2014). *The fourteenth goldfish*. New York: Random House.
- Johnson, J. (2014). *The mark of the dragonfly*. New York: Delacorte.
- Keating, J. (2014). *How to outrun a crocodile when your shoes are untied*. Naperville, IL: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky.
- Lamana, J.T. (2014). *Upside down in the middle of nowhere*. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle.
- La Valley, J. (2013). *The vine basket*. New York: Clarion.
- Lloyd, N. (2014). *A snicker of magic*. New York: Scholastic.
- Lord, C. (2014). *Half a chance*. New York: Scholastic.
- MacHale, D.J. (2013). *Sylo*. New York: Razorbill/Penguin.
- Pitchford, D. (2013). *Nickel Bay Nick*. New York: Putnam.
- Thompson, J.E. (2013). *The girl from Felony Bay*. Burlington, MA: Walden Pond Press.
- Watson, J. (2014). *Loot: How to steal a fortune*. New York: Scholastic.
- Woodson, J. (2014). *Brown girl dreaming*. New York: Nancy Paulsen Books.

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