## **Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy**

## Reading Bowl and Club TOME Information

<u>What is the Cherokee County Reading Bowl?</u> It is a friendly team competition between schools as students answer questions about books they have read. At the elementary level, it's open to 4th and 5th grade students. Only 10 students can be on the final team. There will be competitions with other schools in our county. Everyone who participates will receive special certificates, and the winning team gets a banner to hang in the school!

<u>What is Club TOME?</u> Club TOME is a more than just a reading bowl. Club TOME offers students a diverse menu of competitions such as technology, art, writing, and much more. There are so many ways to celebrate books! Club TOME members will also get the chance to attend TOMECon in the Spring of 2019. More information to come!

<u>What books do you read?</u> The Reading Bowl questions and Club TOME Competitions will all be about the 6 chapter books chosen as the Club TOME It List for 2018-2019. The list of books is as follows:

## Club TOME It List 2018-2019

Wish Tree by Katherine Applegate
Outside In by Jennifer Bradbury
The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell
The Royal Rabbits of London by Santa Montefiore
Tentacle and Wing by Sarah Porter
The Emperor's Riddle by Kat Zhang

An Informational Meeting will be held for all interested students on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Media Center from 2:15-3:00 p.m. Students MUST have the parent permission form turned into Mrs. Boysen by Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> in order to stay after school for the meeting.

When will the team meet and practice? The students who are selected for the Reading Bowl team will meet each Monday afternoon in the Media Center beginning on September 10, from 2:15–3:00 p.m. through the end of April 2019. Parents will need to pick up students at 3:00 in the car rider line, or prearrange for After School Care for those days (\$10 per day).

<u>How will we prepare each time we meet?</u> In order to prepare for the Cherokee County Reading Bowl and Club TOME, we will read and discuss the books, practice using the competition buzzers, and memorize facts about the books. We will also discuss and compete in the Club TOME competitions.

<u>What is required of Reading Bowl team members?</u> Students must have good grades, especially in reading. Students on the team must read all of the books, attend practice sessions, and participate in the competitions.

<u>Is there any cost?</u> We will be buying t-shirts for our team. The Media Center has copies of the books for the students to check out and read. Students are also welcome to purchase copies of the books for themselves, but this is NOT required.

<u>What is the benefit of being part of this team?</u> First, students are able to share their love of reading with others. Second, students are given the chance to participate in friendly competition (involving cool buzzers like on Jeopardy).