



September 6, 2024

Dear Families,

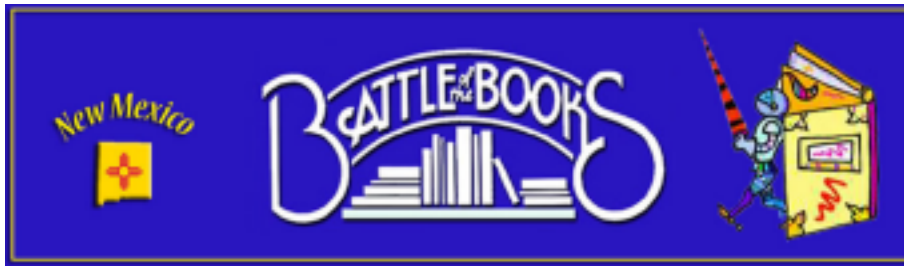
Once again, we will be hosting **Battle of the Books** at Carlos Gilbert. This is a reading program that encourages students to work together and read from a wide range of genres and authors. Students in **fourth, fifth and sixth** grades are welcome to join. **Participating students will be responsible for reading at least TEN of the titles on the list** (see below). Students may obtain copies of the books by checking them out from the Carlos Gilbert or Santa Fe Public Libraries. Working together in teams of four, the goal is for all TWENTY (20) books to be read before the school competition in April/May 2025.

Battle of the Books is a great way for students to read wonderful stories and show their understanding of the story elements of each book. **If your child would like to participate in this year's Carlos Gilbert Battle of the Books, please complete this [FORM](#).**

**All forms are due by Wednesday, September 18. We will begin meeting the week of September 22.** All meetings will take place during school. Once we have received a completed form, your child will be given a copy of all the rules and procedures. If you have any questions, please contact Frances Carreon at [fcarreon@sfps.k12.nm.us](mailto:fcarreon@sfps.k12.nm.us)

Thank you,

Frances Carreon and Kate McCarthy



**Carlos Gilbert  
2024-25 Battle of the Books List**

***A First Time for Everything* by Dan Santat**

***Nothing Else but Miracles* by Kate Albus**

***Elf Dog and Owl Head* by M.T. Anderson**

***Dogtown* by Katherine Applegate**

***Cici's Journal: The Adventure of a Writer in Training* by Joris Chamblain**

***The Mona Lisa Vanishes* by Nicholas Day**

***Bea and the New Deal Horse* by L.M. Elliott**

***The Lion of Lark Hayes* by Aubrey Hartman**

***The Lost Year* by Katherine Marsh**

***Eagle Drums* by Nasugraq Rainey Hopson**

***Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coatl* by Julie Kagawa**

***Slugfest* by Gordon Korman**

***Red, White and Whole* by Rajani LaRocca**

***Embassy of the Dead* by Will Mabbitt**

***Lasagna Means I Love You* by Kate O'Shaughnessy**

***Tumble* by Celia C. Perez**

***The Unforgettable Logan Foster* by Shawn Peters**

***The Labors of Hercules Beal* by Gary D. Schmidt**

***Hoop* by Matt Taveres**

**2024 NEWBERY MEDAL WINNER:**

***The Eyes and the Impossible* by Dave Eggers**