



Battle of the Books 2023

PARENT & MENTOR MEETING



Bloomfield Township Public
Library

WHAT IS THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS?

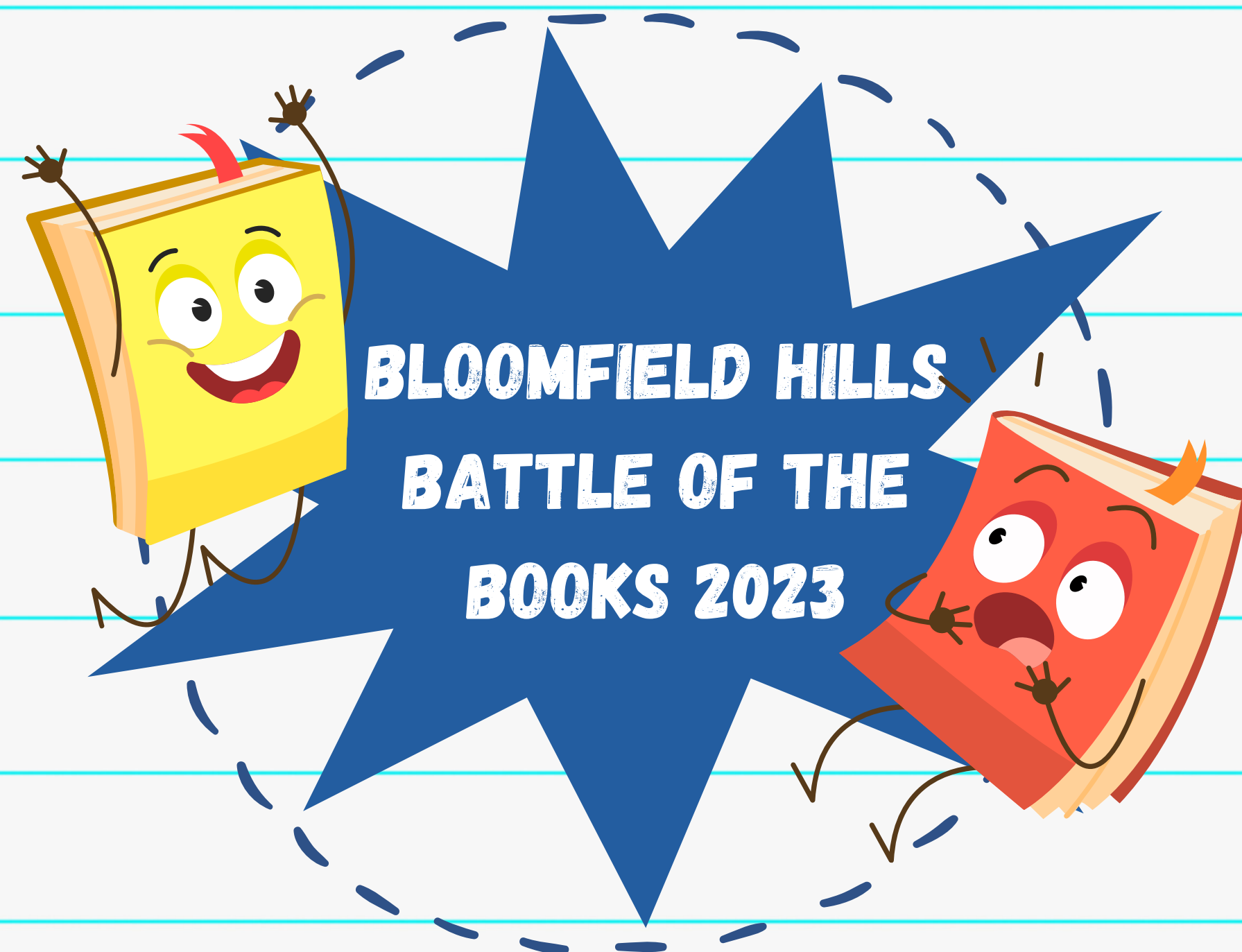
A team reading competition for 5th & 6th graders enrolled in Bloomfield Hills School District.

Students read 6 books and participate in virtual and in-person activities from January - March. Depending on how many teams end up registering, we may have a Kahoot Preliminary Battle.

- Registration ends on Sunday, February 12th. We will inform all teams on Tuesday, February 14th if there will or will not be a preliminary battle.

The top 9 teams will be asked to the final in-person battle on Thursday, March 21st.

NOW WHAT DO WE DO?



MENTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ▶▶ Help team establish a plan.
- ▶▶ Help with a name and costume.
- ▶▶ Make sure team demonstrates integrity and good behavior and that they understand the rules and expectations.
- ▶▶ Provide transportation & meeting place if needed.

TEAMS! ✨

- Each team must have 3-8 students. Registration for teams begins on Thursday, January 12 and is online. This includes having a team mentor's contact information. You can find the link at btpl.org/battle-of-the-books.
- Teams must come up with a unique name. Please keep in mind that the name must NOT include the book titles or authors we are using for the battle.
- Teams create a costume. It can be elaborate or it can be everyone wearing the same color t-shirt. Again, no book titles or authors should be implied or visible in the costume.



Inside Out Book Crew

**Team Names &
Costume Ideas!**

**Google Battle of
the Books team
costumes.**



Rookie Readers



ABC Soup Stars

**There are many
great ideas out
there!**



Sesame Street Readers

ESTABLISH A PLAN!

Team members should come up with their own reading and studying strategy.

Mentors are there for general guidance.

TEAM NAME, COSTUME, MEMBERS

As the mentor, this is what is expected:

- *Make sure all team members are registered individually and that they are registered under their team.*
- *Give the team space to brainstorm a team name & costume.*
- *Help make up a team schedule that is clearly communicated with team members and their parents/guardians.*
- *You are the main conduit for information to the students and their adults.*
- *Encourage the team!*

GETTING BATTLE READY!

Set practice schedule

Divide up the books

Take notes

Practice

Review the rules

*Show good teamwork &
integrity*

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- Set practice schedule. Most teams try to meet once a week once they are established. Families are busy but try to find a time that will work for all of you.
- Meetings can take place at the library, local restaurants, coffee shops, students' houses, or outside!
- Once a schedule and location has been set be sure to confirm with the students and ask their adults to confirm they received the information through email or text.

READ!

- Divide up the books. Encourage all teammates to read all of them but make sure that there are one or two students that are the experts on each of the six books. (The handout has a spreadsheet you can use to do this.)
- Read the books so you can discuss, enjoy, and know what they are talking about!

NOTE TAKING & PRACTICING

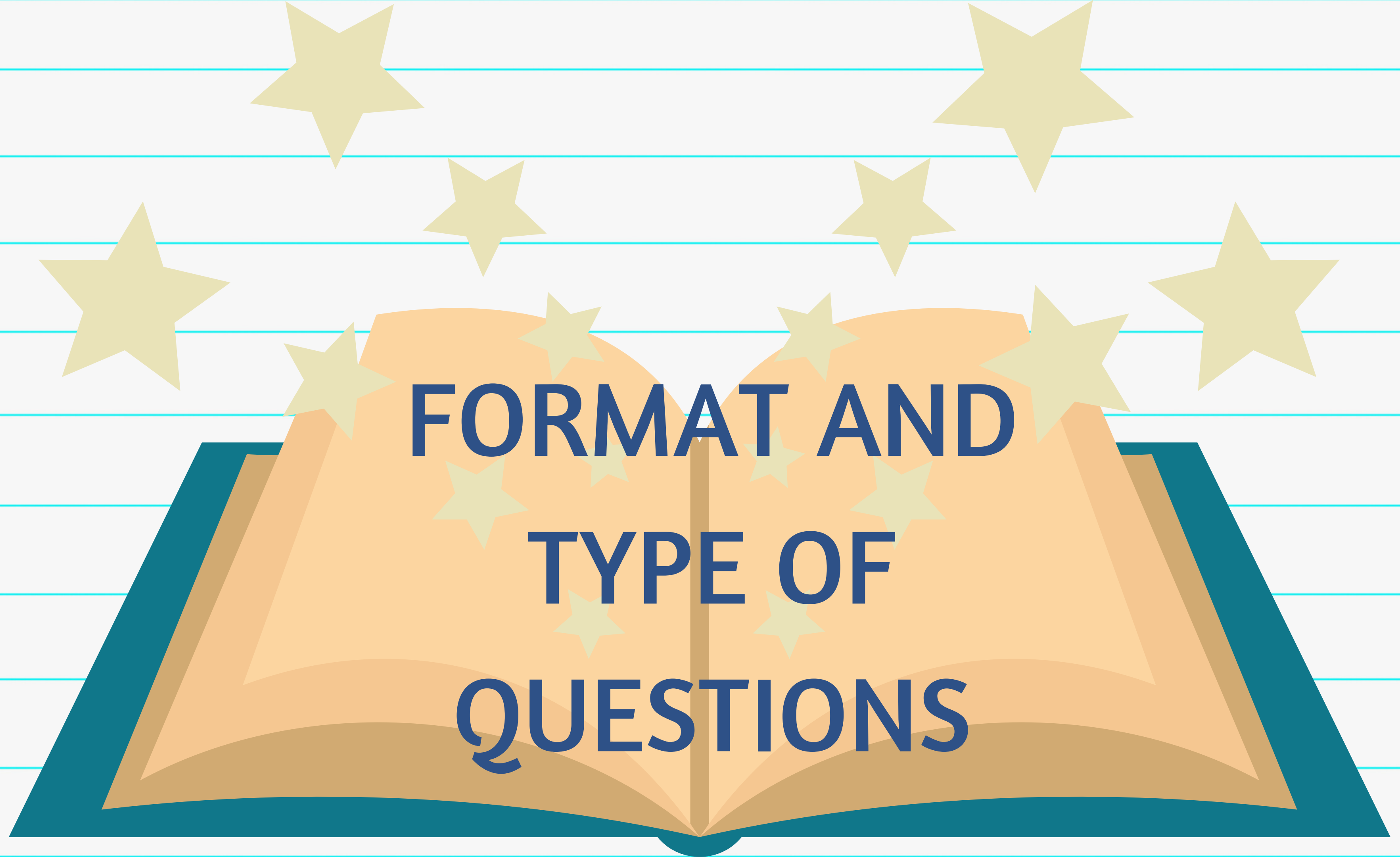
- There are many ways to take notes, you can write them out, share them on Google, make up questions and put them on an app like quizlet.com.

Quizlet is a free website where students can create their own flashcards and games.

- Make sure each team member can write the name of the book and the author's name.
- Split the team up and have a mock Battle of the Books.

REVIEW THE RULES AND DISCUSS INTEGRITY & TEAMWORK!

- Please review the rules.
- Encourage students to be ON TIME!
- Make sure everyone is aware that foul language, slurs, and any forms of bullying within the team or with other teams will not be tolerated.
- Make sure everyone has a voice!
- Cheating isn't fair or fun for anyone. This is a competition but it's a FUN competition. Be fair and follow the rules.



FORMAT AND TYPE OF QUESTIONS

Sample Answer Sheet

Your Team Name

Question # _____

Title _____

Author _____

Question Types:

1) A question or statement about something that happens in the book.

2) A direct quote from one of the characters.
(This must be copied exactly from the book.)

3) A passage taken directly from the book.
(This must be copied exactly from the book.)

Examples

Question or statement about something
that happens in the book:

In which book does an owl attempt to deliver a very important piece of mail to a boy who lives under the stairs?

Examples

Question or statement about something
that happens in the book:

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Question # 1

Title Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's
Stone

Author J. K. Rowling

Examples

Quote from a book:

In which book would you find the following quote: "It's not easy writing thank-you notes for the stuff you didn't want in the first place."?

Examples

Quote from a book:

Rouge One Readers

Question # 2

Title Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Author Jeff Kinney

Examples

Passage from a book:

In which book would you find the following passage: "She did not shut it properly because she knew that it is very silly to shut oneself into a wardrobe, even if it is not a magic one."?

Examples

Passage from a book:

Rouge One Readers

Question # 3

Title The Lion, the Witch,
and the Wardrobe

Author C. S. Lewis



TIPS FROM PAST BATTLE MENTORS AND
PARTICIPANTS!

**ALL STUDENTS MUST
MEMORIZE TITLE AND
AUTHOR OF EACH BOOK
AND BE ABLE TO WRITE
THEM DOWN IN 30
SECONDS. HAVE THEM
PRACTICE WRITING OUT
THE NAMES.**

**MAKE SURE ALL
BOOKS ARE EVENLY
SPREAD OUT AMONG
THE STUDENTS. SHARE
THE RESPONSIBILITIES!**

**HAVE STUDENTS
LIST AND KNOW
ALL THE MAIN
CHARACTERS OF
EACH BOOK**

**FIND OR WRITE A
SUMMARY OF EACH
BOOK AND MAKE
SURE ALL TEAM
MEMBERS KNOW
THEM.**

TRADE PRACTICE QUESTIONS WITH OTHER MENTORS OR PARENTS

**KNOW WHICH
BOOKS HAVE
OVERLAPPING
CONCEPTS**

HAVE FUN.

**ENCOURAGING KIDS TO
READ FOR FUN CREATES
SMARTER, WELL
ROUNDED ADULTS**