What is the Reading Bowl Club?

Reading Bowl Club is a group of 4th and 5th grade students who love to read. Students will meet during school to discuss the assigned books and participate in a variety of activities that will help them become experts on these books. From this club, six to ten students will be selected to compete on the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl competition team.

What is the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Competition?

It is a friendly team competition between LME and other Richmond County schools. Students answer questions about the assigned books they have read. Everyone who participates will receive special certificates and the winning teams get a trophy!

What books do you read for Reading Bowl Club?

The club will read ten chapter books that were nominated for this year's Georgia Children’s Book Award. A list of these titles is attached.

When will the team meet and practice?

The Reading Club will meet once a week during school in the media center. Dates and times will be determined and shared with interested applicants. All club members will participate for six weeks. The official competition team will be chosen following this six week period, and that group of students will continue to meet to prep for the HRRB competition which typically takes place in January.

How will we prepare each time we meet?

In order to prepare for the Reading Bowl competition, we will read and discuss the ten books, learn about topics pertaining to the books, write practice questions, practice using the competition buzzers, and memorize facts about the books.

What is required of the Reading Club members?

Students in the club must read at least five of the ten books or more, attend the practice sessions, actively participate in discussions, take comprehension tests on the books, and maintain good grades in academic classes. Once you return your permission form, you can check out a reading bowl book and start reading!

Is there any cost?

No. Students are welcome to purchase copies of the books, but this is NOT required. The school has books for the students to check out and read.

What is the benefit of being part of this club?

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 those that the ones used on Jeopardy). Finally, team members will be allowed to check out a Reading Bowl book in addition to the 2 books they check out from the library.

If this sounds like fun to you, then see Ms Daniels for a Club application! If you or your parents have any questions, just email Ms Daniels at danieal@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us.

We look forward to reading with you this year!