

## Summer Head Start

Those who wish to participate in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl are encouraged to start reading and writing questions over the summer months. The summer is a great time to keep reading and stay fresh, and it will give us a leg up for next year's competition.



Also, we have a Google form that students can use over the summer to submit questions that they write for the books they have read. Check your local library or bookstore for books from the list!

## Happy Reading!!

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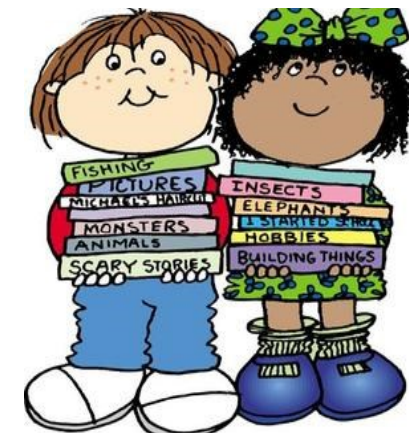
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**Copeland Elementary  
School**

*2017-2018 Reading Club*

# Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl



# Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Introduction

## Benefits of the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

- Increase standardized test scores
- Increase reading comprehension
- Develop an appreciation for literature
- Enhance verbal communication skills
- Promote cooperation
- Build self-esteem
- Develop team spirit
- Improve academic achievement

Check out the website to learn more about the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl!

<http://gcba.coe.uga.edu/gcba-awards/helen-ruffin-reading-bowl/>



## What is it all about?

The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is a competition where students go head to head in answering trivia type questions about books from a list of Georgia Book Award nominees. There are about 18-20 books on the list each year. Teams that win the county competition have

the opportunity to advance to regional and state levels, not to mention have bragging rights!

The county competition is usually held in the last part of January.

## How to participate

Students in the fourth and fifth grade who have a passion

for reading can participate in the competition. Each year, we have a selection process to choose members of the team. We can only bring a maximum of 10 students to the competition, but encourage many to participate and try out at the school level, as the extra reading is always good practice!

Students who wish to participate must have a signed permission slip and adhere to the rules set forth by the school for participation. Students selected for the team are the ones who read the most books and have the most participation in team activities.

## Participation Cont.

Specific participation guidelines:

- Students are asked to read a minimum of 8-10 books from the book list.
- Students should write a minimum of 10 questions about each book read. See below.
- Students should attend the practices that are scheduled and actively participate in each.
- Students should be available to participate in the county competition. (Held on a Saturday in late January—must have own transportation)

## What kinds of questions do I write?

Questions should be about important details from the story, and students should include the answer and page number from where it came from. See the sample questions below:

In the book, *The Thing about Jellyfish*, on what day was Franny's last photo taken? August 19 p. 212

In the book, *Appleblossom the Possum*, what is the dog's name who lives in the monster's house? Columbo, p. 68