

HELEN RUFFIN READING BOWL TEAM

What kinds of things are involved?

If you are a fifth grader who LOVES to read and you want to compete against other kids, then this is the club for you! You will read 10 books and we will practice answering questions from those books. In January, we will go compete against other schools in Cobb County!

When you read each book, you will write a brief summary as well as 10 practice questions about the book. Don't worry! I will teach you all about how to do this. We will use a OneNote Notebook to keep track of all of our questions and summaries.

What does the team look like?

Our team can have up to 12 students total. The competition team will be made up of 10 students, but there can also be two alternates. The alternates will stand in if any member of our team cannot compete on competition day.

If we have more than 12 people interested in being on the team, we will implement a rating system. The more work you put in, the better your chances are of making the team.

What's the important information?

When Mrs. Allen knows more, she will let you know. Typically, we meet one afternoon a week in the library to practice. There will be a club fee to cover the cost of competition registration and club t-shirts.

How do I know what to read?

Mrs. Allen has purchased all 10 books electronically as well as a Kindle for each student. Parents must sign a technology release form for each student stating

that they will pay for the Kindle in the event it is damaged. If a parent wishes to opt out of signing the technology release agreement, they can opt to purchase the 10 books on their own.

What are the books?

1. *Caterpillar Summer* (Gillian McDunn)
2. *Season of Styx Malone* (Kekla Magoon)
3. *Lemons* (Melissa Savage)
4. *Saving Winslow* (Sharon Creech)
5. *Louisiana's Way Here* (Kate DiCamillo)
6. *Song for a Whale* (Lynne Kelly)
7. *The Unteachables* (Gordon Korman)
8. *The Boy at the Back of the Class* (Onjali Rauf)
9. *Solving for M.* (Jennifer Swender)
10. *Some Places More than Others* (Renee Watson)

Who was Helen Ruffin?

Helen Ruffin was a library media specialist who loved reading and wanted to create a way to highlight the Georgia Book Award books. She created this reading bowl so that students across the state could compete and share a love of reading.

