**Dallas Elementary’s Book Club**

Grades 4-5



Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

2019-2020

**Basic Information**

Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl was created by a DeKalb County Media Specialist, Ms. Helen Ruffin, in 1986. What began as an interschool competition has grown to a state-wide competition. Students read from a select list of Georgia Award winning novels and prepare to compete against other local schools in January.

For more details visit <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/www/helen-ruffin-reading-bowl/>.

This will be our third year participating in the HRRB!

**DES Book Club Information**

Any student in grades 4th – 5th whom are interested in the club may join. However only 10 students will be able to go to competition. Students will earn points throughout the season and the 10 students that have the most points will win a competition spot. The coaches expect students to be committed to the DES Book Club. All students that are a part of the club are expected to be **risk takers,** **principled, open-minded, thinkers, reflective, and caring.**

Students will earn points when they complete a book, pass a quiz, complete various assignments, and attend meetings (and be picked up on time). It is also each students’ responsibility to acquire the books either from purchase, library loan or downloaded to a device. Audio books are also an option. The library does have a couple copies of each book.

Students must pay $20 for a T-shirt and club dues. We use the dues for competition fees, banners, etc. **Dues are non-refundable so please make sure you want to be a part of the book club.**

If you have questions or need to be in contact you may email Ms. Fueston, Mrs. S. Williams or Mrs. Beyea

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This is the elementary book list for the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl. More books may be added to our list by the end of May. These will get you started:

Anderson, John David. (2018) Granted. New York: NY: Walden Pond Press

Applegate, Katherine. (2017) Wishtree (Illus. Charles Santoso). New York, NY: Feiwel and Friends.

Bundy, Tamara. (2017). Walking with Miss Millie. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books

Connor, Leslie. (2018). The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle. New York, NY: Katherine Tegen Books.

Glaser, Karina Yan. (2017). The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street. New York, NY: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Johnson, Varian. (2018). The Parker Inheritance. New York, NY: Arthur A. Levine Books.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. (2018). You Go First. New York, NY: Greenwillow Books.

Saeed, Aisha. (2018). Amal Unbound. New York, NY: Nancy Paulsen Books.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. (2017). Clayton Byrd Goes Underground. New York, NY: Amistad.

Yang, Kelly. (2018). Front Desk. New York, NY: Arthur A. Levine Books.

**Meeting Information** *(Exact dates to be determined)*

Meetings will be held every other Wednesday from in August 2019 through October 2019. Meetings will then be every Wednesday in November 2019 and January 2020, leading up to the first competition, so the students can get more practice and be prepared. We may add more dates as necessary to help prepare students but parents will know well in advance. Competition teams will consist of 5 competitors and 5 alternates. We will continue to meet up until mid-March.

***Official competition teams will be selected in December based on points accumulated.***

For more information on HRRB visit: <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/hrrb/>.

**DES head coach contacts**:

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**Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Student Agreement**

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**I AGREE TO:**

* read at least 3 of the books on the list over the summer break
* become **knowledgeable** and experts on the books read
* be **balanced** - balance my time so that I keep up with my school work
* be **principled** – attend all club meetings (unless extenuating circumstances – parent note must be provided) and be on time and come prepared
* be a **communicator -** listen well to, collaborate, and participate in book talks with members of my team
* be a **risk taker** – be willing to answer questions in practice and at the competition
* be a **thinker** – answer quickly but think before answering the questions
* be an **inquirer** – come up with questions and complete a reading companion sheet for each book read
* work together as a team and be **reflective** on my actions
* be **caring** and respectful to my coaches and members of my team and represent DES in a professional manner
* be **open-minded** when reading the book selections
* take on the responsibility of obtaining the books either by library loan or purchase
* complete the quiz for each book read and score at least 80%

***Parent Consent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Due Date: Friday, April 12 Please return forms to Ms. Fueston, Ms.S.Williams, or Mrs. Beyea.***

**Teacher Recommendation**

***Due Date: Friday, April 12. Please return forms to Ms. Fueston , Mrs.S.Williams, or Mrs.Beyea***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reading/Language A Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, recommend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be a member of the DES and Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Club.

**Comments**:

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**Teacher Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As part of the DES Book Club and Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team (HRRB), the student is expected to:

* read at least 5 books on the HRRB reading list
* participate in book talks
* take a quiz on the books read and score at least 80% on each quiz taken
* attend meetings regularly and on time
* maintain a good grade average in Reading class
* maintain good conduct in school

**NOTE: Students will be accepted to the DES Book Club and Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl club based on parent consent, signed and accepted student agreement, AND a teacher recommendation.**