**Roswell North Elementary**

**Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Book Club**

**& Reading Bowl Team**

*“Several Years ago Mrs. Helen Ruffin, a very dynamic and innovative person was the library media specialist at Sky Haven Elementary School in DeKalb County, Georgia. In 1985, she served on the selection committee for the Georgia Children’s Book Award nominee program. This literature program began in the Department of Language Education at the University of Georgia’s College of Education. This literature program inspired her to use the nominee books to encourage her students to read.*

*Mrs. Ruffin created a unique reading competition in game format using the award nominees. It was called the Reading Bowl. Her vision was to have teams comprised of students from different schools compete to test their knowledge of the selected books. She shared this vision with her colleagues. They embraced her idea and pressed forward. Today, the Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is open to students in grades four through twelve across the state. The winning teams from the Divisional Bowls meet at the Annual Conference on Children’s Literature in March for the State Championship of the Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl.”*

- Retrieved from <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/hrrb/>

The Reading Bowl Book Club is available for all 4th and 5th grade students who are interested in being on the Reading Bowl Team. Each book club member will be required to read at least 5 of the 10 Georgia Book Award Nominees and meet during Bear Time. **We will begin meeting Mondays after school from 2:45 – 3:30 in the media center to discuss the books on the reading list in October.** Our first after school meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8. In December, the students will begin competing against each other to determine which 10 students will be on the Reading Bowl Team.

Any 4th or 5th grade students who are interested should return the bottom portion of this sheet to Mrs. Wood in the Media Center by **Friday, August 30**.

**Dates to remember:**

Friday, August 30 – Permission slip due to Mrs. Wood

Saturday, January 25 – Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl. Location TBD

Laura Wood

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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