



## Edwards Elementary Library & Technology News



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Teresa Green, Teacher of Technology & Library

**Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Readers!!**

**Join the Battle -  
The Battle of the  
Books!!!**

**We Need Your Help to Keep  
Our Championship Status!!!**

Edwards Elementary is the current reigning champion of the Annual Battle of the Books for Ames, Iowa. We have a beautiful engraved plaque that hangs inside the building's entrance for the 2010-2011 school year and reminds everyone of our accomplishment. We would love to hang onto this reminder next year and are looking for fifth grade readers to help us do so.

Battle of the Books is an annual competition held at the Ames Public Library each spring. The competition is only open to fifth



grade teams of 4 students. Each building can bring as many teams as they can create. This year's competition is scheduled for Thursday, March 31st at 4 p.m.

Throughout the school year, each participating student reads as many of the 23 Iowa Children's choice award books as possible. Students do NOT need to read every book on the list – just as many as they can or choose. Teams are formed after winter break and meet with Mrs. Green once per week to discuss the books, practice, and prepare for the final event.

Letters providing further explanation of this tremendous reading experience have been sent home with the fifth grade students. All fifth graders who are interested should return their signed B.O.B. commitment to Mrs. Green by Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.



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## Online Keyboarding Program

Students in grades 3-5 work throughout the school year to develop their keyboarding skills in many ways through integrated use and through drill, practice and repetition. This year, the Ames Community School District has subscribed to **edutyping.com** a new online keyboarding program. The advantage to the online service is that it enables students to practice their keyboarding skills from home.



**ACSD lists student expectations for keyboarding at a minimum of 15 words per minute with 70% accuracy for grade 5 and 10-12 words per minute with 60 percent accuracy for grade 4.**

Students who find themselves behind in their skills, miss school, or need additional practice can now catch up and get remediation for their skills from home.

Students in grades 4 and 5 have been provided with their online user information to log in and practice their keyboarding skills at home. Students in grade 3 will begin keyboarding November 1<sup>st</sup>. Students have been sent home with ID cards that look like the image below. The cards provide the keyboarding website and student log-in information to access their specific progress level.

School ID is **amesco2300**

**EduTyping**

### Student Login ID Card

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

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

To login, go to [www.edutyping.com](http://www.edutyping.com) and click on the "Student" login button. When prompted, enter your login information provided below.

School ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

Your login information is confidential. Keep this card in a secure plac