

## AIG Competitions

Each year the AIG Department conducts several student competitions. Competitions are held at various locations and each gives students the opportunity to compete against other students from different schools in our county. Each winning school receives a team trophy and individual medallions.

### Battle of the Books

The Elementary Battle of the Books team is open to all fifth graders. Students participating in the Battle of Books are challenged to read 18 books and work as a team to answer questions specifically related to those books including the titles and authors. Both AIG and classroom teachers meet with the eight member teams frequently throughout the year to practice the rules of the competition and to participate in mock competition rounds. Students who make the Battle team not only improve their reading and vocabulary skills but also learn how to work collaboratively with other students to achieve a common goal.

### Poetry and Prose

Participation in the Poetry and Prose Celebration is open to all fourth grade students in Gaston County. Each elementary school selects one representative for poetry and one representative for prose. These two students are invited to read their entries at the Poetry and Prose Celebration and have their winning entries published in a countywide literary magazine sponsored by the Gaston County AIG department. Each student receives a copy of the literary magazine and a certificate of participation at awards day.

### Math Masters and Math Elite

Each year the AIG Department is proud to sponsor the Elementary Math Masters and Middle School Math Elite Competitions. The Math Competition teams are made up of outstanding mathematicians with extraordinary math abilities who also exhibit exemplary cooperation and teamwork skills as well. The teams compete in separate rounds throughout the competition day and the team with the highest number of points at the conclusion of the competition is declared the winner.

The Elementary Math Masters Competition is open to all fifth graders. Upon completion of a math placement test, each school selects a six member team. These teams compete during one day of the two-day competition. Fourteen of our elementary schools compete each day. Each team works collaboratively to solve problems in the following areas: Patterns, Probability and Statistics, Manipulatives, Tile Math, Numeration, Geometry and Measurement.

The Middle School Math Elite Competition is open to all sixth graders. Each team works collaboratively to solve problems in the following areas: Number and Operation, Patterns,

Relationships and Functions: Logic, Spatial Sense, Measurement and Geometry and Quantitative Comparison.