

Dear Parents of rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders,

We have a very exciting opportunity for next school year. We will be joining a version of the *Battle of the Books* competition with other Christian schools in Palm Beach County in the fall of 2024!

Battle of the Books is a reading and recall competition that is hosted by Boca Christian School and Kings Academy. Students read at least 2 of the books listed for their grade level before signing up for the competition. They must also fill out a review form to help them recall the information from each book they read.

The actual competition will take place in the fall of 2024 (tentatively October). Students will be organized into teams. Teams are composed of a mix of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, with 6th grade students as coaches. When school begins in the fall, students will practice once a week after school for approximately 4-6 weeks.

Students are only required to read 2 books. We ask that students start with their grade level book list, since this will help their teammates once the competition begins. However, students are encouraged to read as many books as they can from the full list. Students who read all 18 books from the entire 3-5th grade list will receive a prize if all of the review sheets are filled out for each book. The best time to read is over summer break. We recommend checking at your local public library for your student to begin reading over the summer.

The first competition will be held during chapel time in late September with our school teams; then the final will be against other schools who are members of Christian Schools of Palm Beach County.

To summarize, if your child would like to participate, he/she should:

- Read at least two books from the book list for his/her grade level
- Complete the book review form for each book
- Look for an email about registering for the team once school begins in August
- Optional: read all 18 books and complete the book review form for each one for a special lunch when we return to school

We hope you will consider reading and participating in this fun reading competition! If you have any questions, please reach out at me at houchinj@bereanwpb.org

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jennifer Houchin
5th-6th Grade Language Arts Teacher

Battle of the Books 2024-25

Grade Level	Book Title and Author
Entering 3 rd grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Dolphins at Daybreak</u> by: Mary Pope Osborne 2. <u>A to Z Mysteries: The Empty Envelope</u> by: Ron Roy 3. <u>Beacons of Light: Lighthouses</u> by Gail Gibbons 4. <u>Fantastic Mister Fox</u> by: Roald Dahl 5. <u>The Name Jar</u> by: Yansook Choi 6. <u>Boxes for Katje</u> by: Candace Fleming
Entering 4 th grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. <u>Catch that Pass</u> by: Matt Christopher 8. <u>Dog Diaries: Togo</u> by: Kate Klimo 9. <u>The Little Prince</u> by: Antoine de Saint-Exupéry 10. <u>The Chocolate Touch</u> by: Patrick Skene Catling 11. <u>Anne of Green Gables</u> by: Marsden, Mariah (Graphic Novel) 12. <u>Fourth Grade Rats</u> by: Jerry Spinelli
Entering 5 th grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. <u>Hachiko Waits</u> by: Lesléa Newman 14. <u>Lost on a Mountain in Maine</u> by: Donn Fendler 15. <u>Joseph Lister and the Story of Antiseptics</u> by: John Bankston 16. <u>Molly's Story</u> by: W. Bruce Cameron 17. <u>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</u> by: Kate DiCamillo 18. <u>Rules</u> by: Cynthia Lord



REQUIRED READING AND BATTLE OF THE BOOKS BOOK REVIEW



Student Name:

Grade Level:

Title:

Fiction or Nonfiction:

Author:

Sketch or picture from this book:

Characters:

Setting:

Conflict/Problem:

Solution:

(For non-fiction books) 3 facts I learned from this book

What I liked or didn't like about this book: