

Dear Parents of rising 6th 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. 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.

Since the schools running the competition do not have 6th grade as part of their elementary, 6th grade does not have a book list and cannot compete on a team. To give our 6th graders an opportunity to participate in this event, they can be coaches of our 3rd-5th grade teams.

Students who would like to be a coach should read all 6 books from one of the grade levels. They should type 10 short answer questions for each book (no true/false or yes/no questions). An example question would be: "What kind of lunch do rats bring?" (from *4th Grade Rats* by Jerry Spinelli). Please provide the answer for each question.

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