

Dear Parents of rising 6th graders,

We are continuing our Battle of the Books competition with other Christian schools in Palm Beach County in the fall of 2025! Last year, we had more than 20 students participate, and we would love to see that number grow this year!

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 2025 (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 that can be answered with the title of the book. An example question would be: "In which book does the main character search for a little girl lost in a snowstorm?" (from *Loser* 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 pizza lunch 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. We will also have copies of some of the books available to check out from the elementary office.

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 2025-26

Grade Level	Book Title and Author
Entering 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Clementine by: Sara Pennypacker</u></li> <li>2. <u>You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?! by: Jonah Winter</u></li> <li>3. <u>Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions by: Chris Barton</u></li> <li>4. <u>The World According to Humphrey by: Betty Birney</u></li> <li>5. <u>A Fine, Fine School by: Sharon Creech</u></li> <li>6. <u>A Boy Called Dickens by: Deborah Hopkinson</u></li> </ol>
Entering 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. <u>Imagination Station: Voyage with the Vikings by: Paul McCusker</u></li> <li>8. <u>A Lion to Guard Us by: Robert Bulla</u></li> <li>9. <u>Ways to Make Sunshine by: Renée Watson</u></li> <li>10. <u>She Dared: Bethany Hamilton by: Jenni Walsh</u></li> <li>11. <u>A River of Words by: Jen Bryant</u></li> <li>12. <u>A Long Walk to Water by: Linda Sue Park</u></li> </ol>
Entering 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. <u>Patriots, Redcoats and Spies by: Robert Skead</u></li> <li>14. <u>The Secret Garden by: Mariah Marsden</u></li> <li>15. <u>Loser by: Jerry Spinelli</u></li> <li>16. <u>On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness by: Andrew Peterson</u></li> <li>17. <u>A Dog's Life by: Ann M. Martin</u></li> <li>18. <u>Anna was Here by: Jane Kurtz</u></li> </ol>