

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

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

Reading ReSponse for Battle of the Books



Student First & Last Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____ Fiction or Nonfiction: _____

Characters: _____

Setting: _____

For Fiction Books:

Conflict / Problem: _____

Solution: _____

For Nonfiction Books - List 3 Facts You Learned:

Write 3 questions about the book. Include the answer and the page number where the answer can be found:
