



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Battle of the Books is a motivational reading program sponsored by the Alaska Association of School Libraries (AKASL). The goals of the program are simply to encourage students to enjoy reading and to broaden their reading interests.

Lists of books, (see the back of this page), are chosen for grades 3, 4, and 5. Students form teams of 3-5 students. They read the books, discuss them, and quiz each other on the contents. Each team needs to have one or more parents/guardians/responsible adults to act as coach(es) who keeps the team organized and motivated along the way. Practice questions are available for teams to use in preparation for the school and district Battles. The Battles are in a game show competition format with all the teams from each grade to see which team answers the most questions correctly. If your student doesn't have a team, have them let Mr. Deakin know, and he will put them on one.

Sign up for BOB begins NOW! If your child is interested in participating, they will need to turn in ONE registration form with all team members listed on it, along with their coach's name and contact information. Once the registration form is turned in, teams can begin checking out Battle books. Additional information will be made available to teams and coaches to help them prepare for the competition. Each coach will receive a packet with practice questions, book lists, etc.

You will also need to sign a Permission Slip for your child that allows him/her to participate in Battle of the Books this year.

Registration forms and permission slips are available in the Media Center or on the Tavelli website: tav.pedschools.org under Library. The deadline to sign up is Friday October 24th.

Battle of the Books team meetings (practices) will be held on Tuesdays after school from 3:05-3:50 in the Media Center and pods of the school.

The date for the Tavelli Battle of the Books is Tuesday, March 10th in the Tavelli gym. Teams from each grade level will compete during their Encore time. (3rd: 10:00-10:45, 4th: 9:15-10:00, 5th: 8:30-9:15)

We ask for a \$10 donation for each participant to defray the cost of the books we use for the contest. You can pay via SchoolPay, or take cash or a check to Ms. Foreman in the office. If you can't afford \$10, your child can still participate, but please pay what you can. If you want to donate more than \$10, that's ok too! Ms. Foreman's email address is lforeman@pedschools.org.

Please email me if you have any questions. Happy Reading!

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2025-2026 Battle of the Books List

Please preview these books before signing up your student. These lists are final and all books will be used for the district competition.

3rd Grade Titles and Authors	
Stink. The incredible shrinking kid	McDonald, Megan
Third Grade Angels	Spinelli, Jerry
The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza	Barnett, Mac
Dragons and Marshmallows	Citro, Asia
Goldie	Miles, Ellen
Honeybee: the busy life of Apis Mellifera	Fleming, Candace

4th Grade Titles and Authors	
Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom	Swanson, Matthew
Field Guide (Spiderwick Chronicles, Book 1)	DeTerlizzi, Tony
Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-soaking Stream of Invention	Barton, Chris
A Wolf Called Wander	Parry, Rosanne
The Secret Zoo	Chick, Bryan
The Lost library	Stead, Rebecca

5th Grade Titles and Authors	
The Wild Robot	Brown, Peter
Bridge to Terabithia	Paterson, Katherine
Hoops	Tavares, Matt
The Superteacher Project	Korman, Gordon
Number the stars	Lowry, Lois
Zeus: water rescue	Cameron, W. Bruce & Cowdrey, Richard