

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child's classroom has signed up to participate in SD 28 Battle of the Books 2025. This Book Battle focuses on picture books. Reading and discussing picture books provides opportunities for all ages to explore a diverse range of curricular content. The books selected for this year's battle explore a wide range of relevant topics (growth mindset, communication, social emotional learning, humour and entertainment, entrepreneurship and diversity and acceptance).

The titles chosen for this year's Battle of the Books include:

- Metis Like Me -Tasha Hilderman
- Lemonade in Winter - Emily Jenkins and G. Brian Karas
- Beneath- Cori Doerrfeld
- Magical Yet- Angela DiTerlizzi
- More Than Words - Roz MacLean
- Raven's Ribbons -Tasha Spillett
- Are We There Yet?- Dan Santat
- Canadian Monster Club The Summer Picnic- Troy Townsin

Students will be busy in the first week of the battle creating criteria for what makes a great picture book. They will use this criteria in their classrooms to determine their class's favorite book. A tournament style bracket has been created to facilitate this. (see back of page)

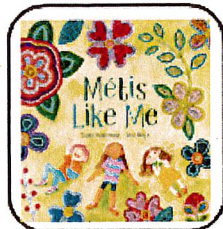
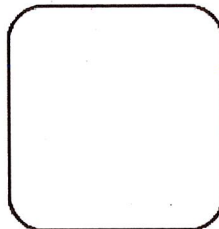
We encourage you to ask your child about the books and the work they are doing in their classrooms around Book Battle.

Over 40 classes K-7 will be participating in this year's battle. We thank you for supporting your child in this important learning activity.

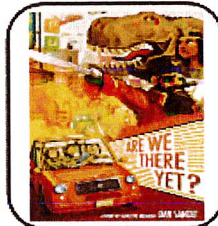
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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2025

Classroom
Winner



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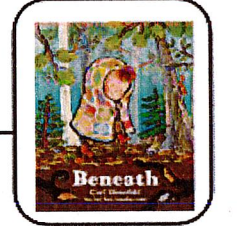
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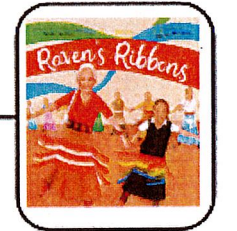
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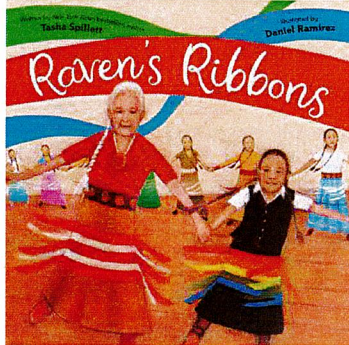
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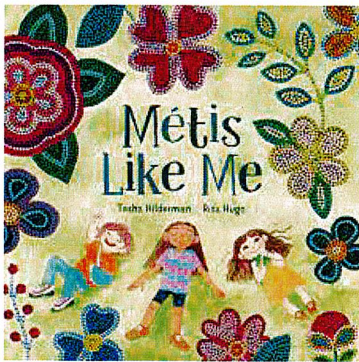


Battle of the Books 2025 (overview)



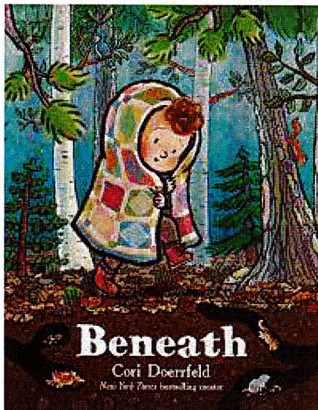
Raven's Ribbons - Tasha Spillet

Raven's Ribbons shares a moving intergenerational story that celebrates gender-expression, honouring traditions and finding room for reinvention.



Métis Like Me- Tasha Hilderman

This book celebrates Métis culture through the eyes of children. It is an intergenerational story that not only highlights the richness of Métis traditions but also fosters empathy and a sense of identity when one child feels disconnected from their Métis heritage. The reader learns that it is never too late to embrace and celebrate one's culture.



Beneath - Cori Doerrfeld

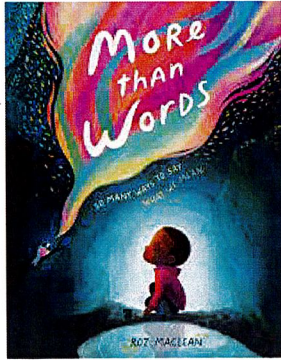
This book explores the notion that everything you see on the outside isn't necessarily what we see on the inside. Feelings and experiences can be hidden beneath the surface and it's okay to share and understand them with people you trust.

CANADIAN MONSTER CLUB THE SUMMER PICNIC



Canadian Monster Club The Summer Picnic - Troy Townsin

This book is a fun picture book that introduces readers to Canada's mythological creatures through an annual July 1st picnic. It is one of a series of books.



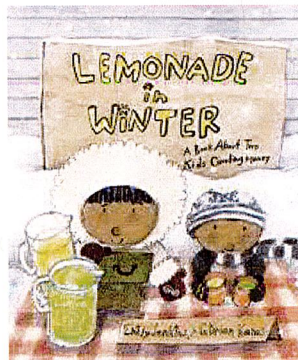
More Than Words - Roz McLean

This book is an inclusive text that explores the various ways we communicate beyond just spoken words. Teaches children the importance of understanding and interpreting non-verbal cues.



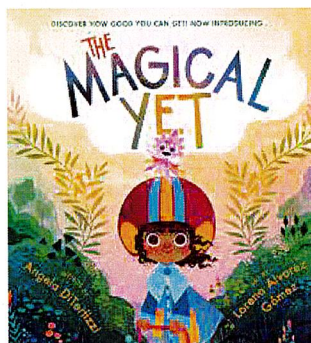
Are We There Yet? - Dan Santat

This book takes a mundane car ride into a creative journey that offers a clever twist. This book highlights the importance of patience, and enjoying the journey, just not the destination.



Lemonade in Winter - Emily Jenkins

This book tells the tale of two young entrepreneurs who take an idea to put into motion. They face various challenges but remain optimistic and resourceful along the way. Math is incorporated throughout the book.



The Magical Yet - Angela DiTerlizzi

This book is about the Growth Mindset. It encourages “kids” of all ages to overcome challenges and learn new skills through perseverance and patience. The power of YET.