

Kindergarten Battle of the Books 2026

Book Title	Author	Summary
Baa Baa Black Belt	Gavin Aung Than	Baa Baa Black Belt is the mightiest warrior on the farm (he is not). The other animals tremble before him (they do not) and his loyal sidekick Pork Chop looks up to him as a mentor and teacher (she felt sorry for him). Can Baa Baa Black Belt convince the other animals that he's a master martial artist? Or will he cause disaster?
Bisa's Carnival	Joana Patro	In the city of Olinda, Brazil, Clara is looking forward to the Carnival street parade, with the colorful, fantastic costumes that her great-grandmother makes for the family--but her Bisa is too old to follow the parade, so Clara decides to bring the parade to her.
Marker	Anna Kang	Marker is one of the teacher's go-to school supplies. Her work is tip-top, and she always makes a lasting impression. That is, until Pinking Shears, a.k.a. Pink arrives and dazzles everyone with her sharp creations. No longer the star of the desk, Marker begins to make mistakes. The trouble is, they can't just be erased; her work is permanent, and she's not allowed to fail. Or so she thinks . . . until a realization helps her rediscover her Marker magic.
The Big Cheese	Jory John	The Big Cheese is the best at everything, and brags about it, too. When the annual Cheese-cathlon comes around, the Big Cheese is prepared to win, as always. But what happens when the quiet new kid, Wedge Wedgeman, comes out on top? Is a slice of humility all the Big Cheese needs to discover that some things are better than being the best?
The King Penguin	Vanessa Roeder	King penguin Percival is off to find subjects who will listen to him, as long as they do not eat him first.