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Dear Parents,

This year’s **Book Swap** is over but you can still bring your pre-loved books to the library for next year’s Book Swap! Whether you’re moving or simply doing some spring cleaning, please know that we are happy to take your old books off your hands!

The **Battle of the Books** is still underway but we have had to make some changes to the upcoming battles. Here are the new dates:
Round 4 - Monday, March 2
Round 5 - Monday, March 9
We have also had to change the location and plan for the finale. As the Middle School has cancelled their ESP trips, MS students will be on campus during the week. That means that there is no longer room for 400 PIE and PEL kids on the Middle School campus. After conversation with the PIE librarian and the PEL Grade 4 & 5 teachers, we have decided to do a Pattimura finale. This will mean that more student teams will pass through to the finale. More details will follow for parents on this event. The date will remain the same: Tuesday, March 17.

Daily practice questions and all information about the Battle of the Books can be found on our [Libguide](#) site.

I’ve just read a [fabulous article](#) featuring an interview with children’s rock star author Mo Willems discussing the lost art of being silly. I thought you might enjoy it!

This week’s **iPad app of the week** is:

**app name:** Montessorium: Intro to Words  
**cost:** $4.99

This week’s app helps kids learn letter sounds and teaches them how to form words. Users hear the sound of each letter as they touch it and drag it into position to form words. In the app kids spell words after seeing a picture of the word and hearing it spoken, it also lets kids use letters and images to write their own stories.

The developers have also created another app entitled: Montessorium: Intro to letters. This app teaches kids how learn how to read, write, and trace letters of the alphabet.

Yours in learning your abc’s,