



Dear Families,

I'm thrilled to announce we have a literacy non-profit called **Book Trust** at work in our classroom this year! Research shows that when our kids choose their own reading material, they read more often and become more confident readers and learners. Book Trust will help make that happen.

Here's how it works:

Each month, your child and every student in our classroom will have the opportunity to select one to three books (up to \$7.00 worth) *of their choosing* from Scholastic with guidance from their teachers. *Every student gets to participate in the program to discover the joy and power of reading **at absolutely no cost to you!***

Once books are ordered, we'll anxiously await their arrival here in the classroom, and we'll make sure to celebrate when they come! Then we'll dig into our new books by reading them in class. We will explore what our classmates ordered, and then *we'll send the books home for further enjoyment with family members.*

Reading at least twenty minutes per night will help your child grow as a reader. This can be done in a variety of ways including:

- Ensuring that your child is interacting with their new books (read together or with a pet).
- Creating a special place to keep their books.
- Taking a look at the Book Trust resources page (booktrust.org/teachers/) for more tips on engaging your child in reading like building a home library.

Book Trust believes that choice, consistency, ownership, and celebration around reading will create a world where every child discovers the joy and power of reading to create limitless possibilities.

We are proud to partner with Book Trust to bring this literacy experience into your home.

Starting this month, please set aside time each night to enjoy your child's new books, and all the memories you'll create as you read together.

Remember, each child can order up to \$7.00 worth of books per month paid for by Book Trust. These books are theirs to bring home and keep at absolutely no cost to you.

For more information about the Book Trust Program please visit [/www.booktrust.org/about/](http://www.booktrust.org/about/) and be sure to follow and interact with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @booktrustusa

Happy reading!