

Dear Families,

I'm excited to announce we have a literacy non-profit called **Book Trust** at work in our classroom this year! Research shows that when students choose their own books, 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 (September-May) I will support your child in selecting up to \$7.00 worth of books from Scholastic. *Every student in our class gets to participate in the program **at absolutely no cost to you!***

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

Each month as books come home, we encourage you to:

- Read with your child for 15-20 minutes per night
- Interact with their new books, reflecting on their choices and interests
- Create a home library or special place to keep their books
- Take a look at the Book Trust resources page (booktrust.org/families) for additional tips on engaging your child in reading

We are proud to partner with Book Trust to bring this literacy experience into your home. Starting in September your child will order up to \$7.00 worth of books per month (September-May) 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 booktrust.org and be sure to follow and interact with them on social media @booktrustusa.

Happy reading!