

Family Resources: CHOICE

Why book choice?

- Book choice is a unique and important feature of the Book Trust program. Each month, your child chooses books from the Scholastic flyer based on their interests.
- Research suggests that children need to have access to books that they **want to read** and when they do, their motivation to read increases.
- When children read books of choice, they are developing confidence and building their reading identity.
- Children may choose to read the same book over and over again. That is okay! This allows them to become familiar with the text and supports them as they acquire new reading skills.
- Asking your child questions about what they are interested in and what they enjoy doing is a great way to start conversations about choice.

Questions to encourage choice:

- What is a topic you would like to learn more about (an animal, sport, job, person, etc.)?
- What did you like/dislike about this story?
- How did the story make you feel? Why?
- Is there anything you would change about the story if you were the author?
- Can you relate to any of the characters in the story?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?
- In the future would you like to read more books like this one?



Adding choice to your every day routine:

- Ask your child to choose a comfortable spot to read.
- Take turns reading the story! Ask your child, "Would you like to read today or would you like me to read to you?"
- Visit your home library and choose a book you and your family would like to read.
- Encourage reading in any environment (at the grocery store, street signs, billboards, directions, recipes, etc.).
- Want to encourage reading during the day? Allow your child to pick a special snack to enjoy while reading.