

Teacher Resources: CHOICE

The agency to choose books is a unique and important feature of the Book Trust program and key to the implementation of our program each month.

Ideas for Implementing Choice:

- On the first of the month, download the Book Look from booktrust.org/teachers.
- Develop a plan to facilitate book choice in your classroom.
 - Review the monthly book choices with a small group of students.
 - Do a Think-Pair-Share to encourage students to discuss their interests and potential book choices.
 - Project the Book Look onto your board.
 - Print the Book Look and have students individually select their book choices.
- Maximize each student's \$7 stipend.
 - Check out the [\\$7.00 choice sheet](#) and encourage students to record their selections using the Student Book Choice Form in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)!
- Utilize the questions below to prompt discussions 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?



Incorporating choice into classroom routines:

- Provide opportunities for students to choose how they would like to read, independently, with a partner, echo reading etc.
- Dedicate free reading time for students to read print materials of their choice (self-selected book, poem, song, directions, anchor charts, etc.)
- Initiate classroom discussions about choices and encourage students to make choices that are best for themselves.
- Encourage students to choose a comfortable reading spot in the classroom.