

Dear Parents,

At Elfinwild, we strongly believe in the power of children's literature. Good books can awaken a child's imagination, improve language skills and open new worlds to explore. Reading to your child not only provides a wonderful time for warmth and closeness, but studies show that children who are read to on a consistent basis tend to become better readers themselves. A strengthening of listening skills, improved vocabulary and an increase in attention span are also by-products of sharing stories with your child.

To encourage time spent with books, we wanted to provide the opportunity for you to participate in the Scholastic Reading Club. Scholastic provides quality books at reasonable prices. You are by no means obligated to purchase anything at any time.

To order books follow the procedure as outlined below. You will be able to order from any of the grade levels each month, however for preschoolers we recommend Firefly, Seesaw or under the "More Sections," "Early Grades." Orders will be submitted on the 20th of each month, so please place your orders before this date. Any books ordered after the 20th may not be received until after the following month's order is placed or may not be available at all.

If you do not have internet access and would still like to place an order, paper flyers will be available in the Preschool office. These orders must be returned to preschool by the 20th of each month as well.

Once the order is filled, it is sent to the school. The books will then be distributed to you, at pickup or dismissal, in a bag. This way, if the books are to be gifts, they can remain a surprise.

Again, because we see all of the good things that can result from reading with your child, we are providing this opportunity. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have in regards to the value of reading or the logistics of the Book Club. There are several great resources concerning reading with children that you may want to consult. Two such books are Jim Trelease's *The Read-Aloud Handbook* and Mem Fox's *Reading Magic*.

Happy Reading!

Kristin Coco

To Place an Order:

1. Go to the website www.scholastic.com
2. Click on the "Parents" tab.
3. Click on the "Order from Reading Club Flyer."
4. When prompted, sign in (or register, if this is your first time visiting the site).
5. Click "I'm a Parent."
6. Follow the steps to connect with the teacher either by answering the questions in the drop down boxes or by entering the "Class Activation Code": HH2YW.

Please note: Because I handle all of the orders for our school, my name is the only one the site recognizes from Elfinwild.

7. Place your order.