

Dear Parents and Families:

Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about **1.8 million words** per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science, and history!

Encourage your child to read books for fun by attending our upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair**. Allow your child to choose the books they want to read! It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Why Read 20 Minutes a Day?

Student A reads 20 minutes



Results in:

1,800,000 words read per year

Scores in the **90th percentile** on standardized tests

Student B reads 5 minutes



Results in:

282,000 words read per year

Scores in the **50th percentile** on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987

Mark your calendar!

Book Fair Preview dates: Tuesday, October 15 and Wednesday, October 16

Shopping dates: Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18

Special activities: **SSE Family Night** ~ Wednesday, October 16, 6-8 p.m.

NEW digital payment option: eWallet! Now your student can shop the Fair cash-free! Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and to create an account:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/sinkingspringselementarysch>

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school. Thank you for supporting our readers!

Sincerely,

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