

Junior Great Books Club (JGB Club) 2018

Student and volunteer information and sign-up form

Does your child like to read interesting stories and discuss them with their friends?

Have you ever thought it would be fun to be in a book club with your child?

If so, Junior Great Books Club is for you!

What is Junior Great Books Club?

The program provides students the opportunity to participate in a parent-lead discussion group using the Junior Great Books story collection. Intended to inspire and strengthen students' passion for reading, the stories are timeless and vary from classic tales to thought provoking short stories that encourage children to discuss, debate, reflect, and have fun!

Who is JGB Club for?

- Open to all **3rd, 4th, and 5th graders** and a limited number of volunteer parent co-leaders. Students read a short story in advance of a lunchtime "book club" each week for six weeks (starting in February). Most stories are short enough to enjoy in about 20 minutes.
- A lot of **families** like to read the stories together as a way to connect at the end of the day, as they tend to spark interesting conversations.
- **Parents and guardians** who volunteer as co-leaders (most groups will have two leaders) appreciate the rare opportunity to lead rich discussions with their child and their classmates. Volunteers receive all the information, materials, and support they need. No experience necessary and guaranteed fun! The program cannot run without volunteer co-leaders.

How does JGB Club work?

Discussion groups are facilitated by parent/guardian volunteers and meet during your child's lunch/recess once a week during the winter for six weeks. Students bring their lunch to the classroom and eat together for the 50 minutes. Your child's parent leaders will determine the day of the week. Groups will begin meeting in February.

How do we sign up for JGB Club?

- Please sign up using the form below. No fee to participate, but students need to purchase a book for \$20, unless they already have or can borrow one from a previous participant (*make sure it's a 2006/Book2 edition specific to your child's grade level – Series 3 for 3rd grade / Series 4 for 4th grade / Series 5 for 5th grade*).
- For parents/guardians interested in co-leading a group, please indicate the days you are available between about 11:00 and 12:15.
- Return the sign-up form to your child's teacher in an **envelope marked Junior Great Books by Thursday, November 30th** . **If you need a book, include a check for \$20.00 made payable to Richards PTO**. Your family will receive notification in January from your child's volunteer co-leaders with information about your child's group start date.

We hope you and your child can join us for this fabulous program!

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Chapman at

414-232-1780 or annechapman4@gmail.com.

2018 Junior Great Books Club (JGB Club) Sign Up Form
DUE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Student Sign-Up

Yes, my child, _____ would like to join JGB Club!

Child's grade/teacher: _____

Parent/guardian contact info:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell phone: _____ Home phone: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

My child already has a 2006/Book 2 edition book to use: YES or NO (circle one)
(Series 3 for 3rd grade / Series 4 for 4th grade / Series 5 for 5th grade)

I am enclosing a check to order a book (\$20 payable to Richards PTO): YES or NO (circle one)

(Please contact Anne Chapman at annechapman4@gmail.com if book cost poses a barrier to participation)



Volunteer Co-leader Sign-Up (for interested parents and guardians)

Yes, I would like to be a JGB Club co-leader for _____ grade (please indicate)

Volunteer name: _____

I am generally available to lead a once-per-week discussion group between 11:00 and 12:15 on these days (please circle all that apply) in February and March (before Spring break):

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday