



### *Junior Great Books*

The Fry PTA is once again sponsoring the Junior Great Books (JGB) program for **2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade** students beginning in January. For those not familiar with the program, JGB is similar to a book club in which students read short stories from a specific book and then meet to discuss what they have read. JGB combines interpretive discussion and activities with outstanding literature to encourage students to think critically as they read. JGB is a wonderful program for students who enjoy reading and discussing stories. The stories are sometimes challenging and may require parental assistance. The student is required to read each week's assigned story twice. It is acceptable for you to read aloud together.

The sessions will be held on **Tuesdays during the student's lunch and recess period**. Please be sure your child is willing to give up their recess for this commitment. Due to time constraints, we ask that students bring a lunch from home on JGB days (as opposed to getting hot lunch).

The program begins on January 23, 2017 and lasts 9 weeks. Class sizes are limited to 8-10 students so names will be chosen on a first come first serve basis. If your child would like to participate, please **complete and return the attached form** to their classroom teacher along with the appropriate participation fee (\$25.00 if new book is needed or \$5.00 if book is not needed. Only 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be re-using books. All other grades must purchase new books). Please do not staple the check to the form. **The deadline for submission of the forms is Friday, December 8, 2017.**

You will receive an email confirming your child's participation in the program in early January. If you have any questions, please contact:

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