



Birthday Books

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Dear Parents,

Each spring I send home a list for the Birthday Club book donation program. This year's list includes Newbery and Caldecott winners, and favorite authors like Dav Pilkey, Neil Gaiman, and Percy Jackson's Rick Riordan. There are books from the Dripping Fang and Sluggers series, as well as books about ghosts, animals, saints, and stories from around the world. Families who are interested in donating a book to the library in honor of a child's birthday are encouraged to look over the list between now and **May 13th**.

Viewing the list:

- You may access the complete list online at Amazon.com . Select the wish list tab. Enter e-mail address greend@sainttherese.ws. You will find 6 pages of books for all age levels. Their site includes reviews and sample chapters, etc.
- Shop at Blue Marble. They have our list available.
- Request a hard copy of the list. Drop me a note or leave a message at the office, and I will gladly send a copy home.

Purchasing a book:

- Shop online.
 - Blue Marble: Review our list first. You can place an order on their website. They offer a 20 % discount.
 - Amazon: See instructions above.
- Send me the name of the book you want along with a check for the list price, and I'll order it for you.
- Shop in-store. As always, you may chose to shop anywhere you like with or without the pre-selected book list and donate the story that most appeals to you.

When a book is purchased for this program, I keep it with the Birthday Club books in my office until the student's birthday, with June, July and August birthdays celebrated in May. At that time, I send a card to the student, inviting him to be the first to check out the new book. A dedication will have been added to the inside. I share the book with the student's class during their library time or a classroom visit. The book is then put on the shelf for all the students to enjoy.

Finally, while it is certainly fine to select your book anytime, I like to suggest that interested families order their books by May 13 for several reasons. Having the books at the end of this year allows plenty of time to give them special treatment and to make sure the students are recognized in monthly fliers, etc. Also, I draw upon unselected titles from the same list to place orders for new acquisitions that I will begin selecting in the fall. And, of course, over the summer months, both opportunity and intent are easily forgotten.

As always, thanks so much.

Sincerely,
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