

# PHOP's Gifts of Literacy

Parrot Heads of Pensacola (PHOP) is showing our support for elementary school reading success again this Christmas with **PHOP's Gifts of Literacy book drive!**

Disadvantaged students in the first grade have a vocabulary that is approximately half that of an advantaged student (2,900 and 5,800 respectively) - Graves, 1986 / White, Graves & Slater, 1990.

Out-of-school reading habits of students has shown that even 15 minutes a day of independent reading can expose students to more than a million words of text in a year - Anderson, Wilson, & Fielding, 1988.

**We can make a difference** in our community by **cultivating a LOVE of reading** and increasing reading skills in Escambia County by **GETTING QUALITY BOOKS IN KIDS HANDS!!**

We are going to give **each child in the first grade** at Ensley Elementary a HARDBACK, QUALITY BOOK at their reading level, with a personalized book plaque inside.

For some children, these books may be the first book they have EVER received, and it could mean the difference between a good Christmas or NO Christmas. Our gifts leave an impression on an entire first grade class that could impact their entire education and lives!!!

## **Buying Books - Option 1**

At the PHOP Social, pick a Christmas ornament from the tree. (Blue for boys, Pink for girls) It will have a child's name and possibly interest on it. Pick up multiples if you are overcome with the holiday spirit (Santa won't mind) as there are over 80 children who we will be supporting.

## **Buying Books – Option 2**

Purchase the books in advance and we will match them to a child.

## **PHOP's Gift of Literacy - Details**

There is a list of suggested books below. If you would like to pick a different book, please consider the goal of providing a QUALITY, HARDBACK book written at a first grade reading level.

Prices for the books on the provided list vary from \$10-\$19 at regular prices.

All books need to be brought to the **November Social**, a PHOP Board Member, or the Christmas Party, so we can get them wrapped for the December delivery.

If you use the following # **701-1426-732** at Barnes and Noble Pensacola, you will receive a discount on your purchase. (Just tell them it is the educator discount for **Ms. Jayne Cecil** of Ensley Elementary.

This is a **HUGE** commitment, but it demonstrates what makes PHOP a great club!! It shows our commitment to the future of our community and the children who can be future leaders!! Together we can give these children an opportunity to READ, enjoy it, and **be a part of their own success as learners, as leaders, and as READERS!!!**

Some Suggested Books are as follows:

The Jolly Mon – Jimmy Buffett	Trouble Dolls – Jimmy Buffett
Oh No!- Candace Fleming	If An Elephant Stands on Your Foot – Michelle Robinson
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie - Laura Numeroff	Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs – Mo Willems
Pete The Cat: I Love My White Shoes	Ladybug Shoes - Davis Somant
If You Give a Pig a Pancake - Laura Numeroff	If You Give a Cat a Cupcake - Laura Numeroff
Llama Llama: Home With Momma	Llama Llama: Time to Share
Super Chick - Kristy Dempsy	It's A Tiger - Donald La Rochelle
Pete The Cat And His Four Groovy Buttons	When a Dragon Moves In - Jodi Moore
Ballerina Rosie - Diane Goode	Oh Nuts!- Tammi Sauer
Llama Llama Red Pajama	How Dinosaurs Say Goodnight
My Brave Year of Firsts - Jamie Lee Curtis	Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site
Little Blue Truck - Alice Schertle	On My Way to the Bath - Sarah Maizes
How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight - Jane Yolen	Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site
Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type – Doreen Cronin	Camillia the Cupcake Fairy - Tim Bugbird
If You Give A Dog a Donut - Laura Numeroff	Fancy Nancy: The Mermaid Ballet - O'Conner
Fancy Nancy: The Posh Puppy - O'Conner	Every Little Thing - Cedella Marlry
The Jellybeans - Laura Numeroff	Boot & Shoe - Marla Frazee
Dinosaurs Love Underpants - Claire Freedman	Where The Wild Things Are - Maurice Sendak
Skippy Jones: In The Dog House	Giraffes Can't Dance - Giles Andrae
Secret Agent Splat - Rob Scotton	My Name is Not Isabella
My Name is Not Alexander	Silvericious - Victoria Kann
Pinkalicious - Victoria Kann	Ladybug Girl - Davis Soman
Goodnight Little Rainbow Fish – Marcus Pfisher	The Circus Ship - Chris Van Dusen
Isabella Girl On the Go	Mousetronaut - Mark Kelly
Stellaluna - Janell Cannon	Pirate Princess – Quallen
City Dog, Country Frog - Mo Willems	How Rocket Learned to Read - Tad Hills
Skippy Jones and the Big Bones	Kel Gillian/His Daredevil Stunt Show
How I became a Pirate - Melinda Long	Bailey at the Museum - Harry Bliss
Skippy Jones: Lost in Space – Schachner	My Name is Not Alexander – Litwin
Dragons Love Tacos - Adam Rubin	Fancy Nancy: The Fabulous Fashion Boutique
City Dog, Country Frog - Mo Willems	Pete The Cat and His Magic Sunglasses
Pete The Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons	Pete The Cat: Rockin My School Shoes
Pete The Cat: I Love my White Shoes	Pete The Cat: Wheels on the Bus
My New Friend Is So Fun!(An Elephant and Piggie Book) - Mo Willems	
A Library Book for Bear (Bear and Mouse) -Bonny Becker	
It's Okay to Make Mistakes - Todd Parr	The Nuts: Bedtime at the Nut House – Eric Litwin
On My Way to School - Sarah Maizes	Boot & Shoe - Marla Frazee
Dinosaurs Love Underpants - Claire Freedman	Where The Wild Things Are - Maurice Sendak
Skippy Jones: In The Dog House	Giraffes Can't Dance - Giles Andrae
Did You Know?: Amazing Answers to the Questions You Ask - DK Publishing	
Dog Days of School - Kelly DiPucchio	Dog vs. Cat - Chris Gall