

Book Treasures



Dear Families,

This year your child will be bringing home “Book Treasures.” Book Treasures are concrete memories or reminders of stories we have read in class. Children can use them to retell and talk about stories they have heard. The ability to retell a story is an important reading skill and helps children develop stronger comprehension and memory skills.

We will be making treasure boxes at school as a special place for your child to keep his or her book memories in at home. Please send in a shoebox with a lid or similar size within the next few days.

When your child comes home with a Book Treasure, please take five to ten minutes to have your child tell you about the story. After your child has told you about the story, record a few of your child’s thoughts about the book on the “Book Treasure Response Form” and return it to school the following day. We will keep these responses at school to make into a “Book Treasure Memory Album” for each student at the end of the year. The treasure will stay at home in the treasure box.

Book Treasures help stories come alive and increase the excitement of sharing literature with others. We think you and your child will be surprised at all the book treasures you will collect this school year. Happy reading and sharing!

Second Grade Teachers

These are some examples of books and accompanying treasures. The list will grow and be revised throughout the year.

Book

Lily's Purple Plastic Purse
The Kissing Hand
The War Between the Vowels and the Consonants
The Alphabet Tree
Owen
The Legend of the Bluebonnets
The Polar Express
Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon
Strega Nona
The Fire Station
Stephanie's Ponytail
Harvey Potter's Balloon Farm
Song and Dance Man
Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving
The Fall of Freddie Leaf
A Birthday for Frances
Frog and Toad Are Friends
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Owl Moon
The Lonely Scarecrow
The Paper Boy
100 Hungry Ants
Mirette on the High Wire
Blueberries for Sal
A Bad Case of Stripes
Rainbow Fish
Officer Buckle and Gloria
Frog and Toad
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash
Good-bye Curtis
Chinatown
The Enormous Turnip
Seed to Plant
Pumpkin Fiesta
The Grouchy Ladybug
The Crayon Box that Talked
Round and Round the Money Goes
Coyote
Too Many Tamales
Shoes From Grandpa
Tikki Tikki Tembo
Two Bad Ants
Very Busy Spider

Treasure

shiny quarter
foam hand or paper heart
piece of multicolored yarn
leaf with a word
square of yellow felt
blue feather
silver bell
plastic tooth box or penny
piece of spaghetti
bell
ponytail rubberband
balloon
pipe cleaner cane
small "turkey" feather
red leaf
birthday candle
button
alphabet letter
yellow pom pom ball
piece of "straw" (raffia)
newspaper rolled up
plastic ants
piece of wire
small blue bead
striped fabric
sequin
push pin
plastic frog
plastic wiggle snakes
postcard
fortune cookie
turnip seeds
lima beans
foam pumpkin
plastic ladybugs
crayon
penny
feather
corn husk
a piece of denim
toothpick ladder
plastic ants with sugar bag
plastic spider

