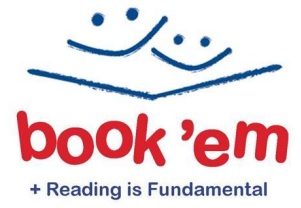


## Why do we need you to donate books?



## Read what Volunteers who deliver books to children have to say:

I believe that exposure to language and words is a powerful thing.

They are adorable and they are smart as whips!!  
They don't miss a thing!!! They love their books!

I just wanted to give you this update to let you know that programs like Book'em really do have a positive impact on these kids and I am glad to be a part of that!

This was one of the first times that the children started reading their books after they wrote their names in them!  
It was a wonderful sight to see!

It was so great to hear the kids say, "Let's go read!" as soon as they picked out their books. I hope that I was at least able to instill a love of reading in one child this year.

The experience really changed my perspective on many things. I have been privileged enough throughout my life to have new books all of the time. When I would bring the kids books, the look on their faces just totally changed my appreciation level. I truly loved this experience because I know that I have helped to make an impact on all of those kids lives.

Each child made a card for me telling me how nice I am, how much they appreciate me reading to them, what a GOOD reader I am, how much they love the books I bring, and that they love me. How could anyone feel any more appreciated than that!!

These kids are so engaged and so happy to learn. It is just further proof to me that if we can keep them interested, we can have much better outcomes in our middle schools and high schools. Thanks for all you do to make this program happen. I took some long chapter books for them this time. They were so happy to have books that would last through the summer.

It is so grounding to come into the classroom and give these 2nd graders a gift that is so simple, yet can take them so far. I miss the students each summer and hope that reading does become a truly important part of their lives.