

To Our Saint James Families,

We are organizing a book drive for The Bridge of Books Foundation (BoB).

BoB is a nonprofit whose mission is to provide an ongoing source of new and gently used books to underserved kids throughout New Jersey to support literacy efforts and encourage a love of reading. And they are in desperate need of books now!

The organization's name comes from the belief that a book, like a bridge, can take a child to new places – today, in his or her imagination, and tomorrow, through literacy skills!

We are looking to collect:

- New and gently used books for kids from birth through age eighteen
- If a book makes sounds, it must work
- If a book has parts, it must be complete

We are **not** looking to collect:

- Adult books, textbooks, encyclopedias, coloring books, used work books or magazines
- One exception Bridge of Books will accept books on parenting skills!

A collection bin will be placed in the lobby at Saint James School from Monday, October 23, 2017 to Friday, October 27, 2017. Please help us share our love of reading by being a part of our efforts to bring the world and all its possibilities to New Jersey's at-risk children through books.

We will bring the books that our Saint James families donate to BoB. Once there we will help them sort and pack books to go out for delivery.

To learn more about The Bridge of Books Foundation, please visit the website: <u>www.bridgeofbooksfoundation.org</u>.

Thank you for giving the gift of literacy!

With great thanks for helping us – The Girls from 8th Grade

