



J.W. Smith Elementary Fall Book Fair

Dear Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most. We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to help your children choose books and be a part of their reading growth!

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – **Sir Readalot's Castle Middles Ages Theme**– is part of an exciting reading event that brings a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books kids want to read right to our school. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. Plus a portion of every book purchased goes right back to J.W. Smith Elementary!

Book Fair Hours: (please note the Book Fair is not the same week as Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences this year)

Monday, October 20th 2:50-3:30p.m.

Tuesday, October 21st 7:35-8:00 a.m. AND **4:30-6:30p.m. for A BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHT in the LIBRARY!!**

The fair will be open later so families can shop together! Bring the whole family to choose books!!

Wednesday, October 22nd 7:35am-8:00a.m. and 2:50-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 23rd 7:35am-8:00a.m. and 2:50-3:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Parent volunteers are needed to assist in running the book fair, especially **DURING BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHT ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st!!** Many volunteers are also needed to help set up the Book Fair on **Wednesday, October 15th from 8:15am-12:30pm and tear down the Book Fair on Thursday, October 23rd 3:30-5:30pm.** Volunteering is fun and easy and training will be provided! You may volunteer for an hour or the entire time. **See the times above for Book Fair hours.** If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gretchen Rusch, Media Specialist at 333-3290 ext. 43216 OR by email gretchen_rusch@bemidji.k12.mn.us ASAP to sign up for a time to help.

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Fall Book Fair. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Gretchen Rusch, J.W. Smith Media Specialist

Sage Stefanich, J.W. Smith Library Para

Note: only cash or check will be accepted at the Book Fair

