

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As part of our reading curriculum, our class is using **Junior Great Books**. In this discussion-based program, which includes classic and contemporary stories, students will be learning to ask questions and develop their own ideas about what they read. I look forward to having students share their thoughts and learn from classmates.

The stories in Series 2 Book One are grouped by theme (generosity, community, and being yourself) to help students connect what they are reading to their own lives. You can further support your child's learning by talking about the stories at home. Here are some suggestions:

- **Read the story together.** You might read to your child or take turns reading parts of the story.
- **Share questions about the story.** Ask your child to share questions, and then share some of your own. Showing your own genuine curiosity will help reinforce the importance of asking questions about the story.
- **Ask your child to tell you about the theme.** You might ask “How is the story about [the theme]?” or “What do you know about [the theme]?”

However you choose to talk with your child about the story, encourage your child to develop ideas more fully by asking follow-up questions like “Why do you think so?” and “Can you tell me more about that?” Your interest will powerfully reinforce what we are doing in class!

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you have suggestions or information for me.

Sincerely,