

### Why Have a Book Club?

- ❖ It's fun!
- ❖ Encourages critical thinking.
- ❖ Develops discussion skills.
- ❖ Promotes respect for others' opinions.
- ❖ Exposes members to broader reading experiences.
- ❖ Stimulates interest in reading, especially over the summer.
- ❖ Encourages higher academic achievement.
- ❖ Provides an opportunity to meet new kids and make new friends.
- ❖ Provides a group experience for the all kids.
- ❖ Promotes several crucial developmental assets of children, including reading for pleasure, and to developing a life-long commitment to learning.

### Choosing Books:

- ❖ Will choose books that have been read and liked.
- ❖ Will include the interests and reading levels of kids in the group.
- ❖ Will include student input on books that sound appealing.
- ❖ Will match the length of the book to the time available to read it.
- ❖ Will choose a mix of lighter and heavier themes.
- ❖ Will introduce books with diverse main characters to stimulate discussions.
- ❖ Will include historical fiction, science fiction, mystery, biography, and nonfiction.
- ❖ Will mix older and newer titles. Older titles may be more available at the public library.

### Membership:

- ❖ Students and teachers welcome.
- ❖ No membership fee.
- ❖ Books chosen may be checked out of the PVS School Library or the Bartlett Public Library. It is not expected or required for students to purchase the books used in the book club.

### Meetings:

- ❖ The first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18, 2007.
- ❖ Meetings will be held on each Wednesday from 3:05 – 4:00 p.m.