



Dear Parent,

Cass Jr. High is participating in a book collection for BOOK WORM ANGELS, a program designed to place GENTLY USED OR NEW, FUN BOOKS in Chicago elementary schools where a majority of the children are reading below grade level.

Started in 1999, Book Worm Angels' program is now in 37 inner city schools, serving over 20,000 at-risk students. Volunteers have collected and delivered over 330,000 books.

More inner-city schools need the program. That is why we are asking for **YOUR** help.

PLEASE look on your book shelves...look in your attic...look in your basement...look for new or gently used interesting books that could help a child (**Pre K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**) experience the enjoyment of reading. Ask your neighbors, friends and family to help. **NO RELIGIOUS, TEXT BOOKS OR ENCYCLOPEDIAS, PLEASE.**

Please bring the books to school. Our book drive starts on **October 23** and ends on **October 27**. The grade level that brings in the most books will win a pizza party. Individual students who contribute the greatest number of books will receive a sport or animal poster.

**THANK YOU.**

**-JUDY MILLER**  
**Book Drive Coordinator**  
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P.S. DOES THE PROGRAM WORK? Last year, Chicago elementary school reading scores went up. Schools that had the Book Worm Angels program for 6 months or more did **TWICE AS WELL** as those who did not. Furthermore, 95% of the teachers in the program indicated the program significantly helped children learn and joy of reading.