

# 4J Book Talks - Philosophy + Timetable

Dear Parents:



Our class will be having bi-weekly book talks starting Sept.15.

Students will read a chapter book of their choice at home over a two-week period. The book can be one that comes from home or school. It must, however, be at least 70 pages in length. It must also be a book they read in Gr.4, i.e. not before August 17, 2004.

After having read the book, students will write a 1-page summary about the book on a special green sheet. On the reverse, they will then write a review of it. The review will consist of things they liked about it, things they didn't like, and recommendations for change.

At a book talk, students will then meet in groups of 4 or 5 along with guest parents to discuss their books. Using their green summary/review sheet, students will briefly summarize the book (without giving away the ending!), and give reasons why they would or would not recommend it to others. Guest parents that day will be invited to do the same with a book they recently read

The purpose of this casual format is to create a sense of enjoyment about reading. I want the kids to understand that reading isn't just something teachers 'make' them do; it is something that people do for pleasure. Join us! Your participation will help reinforce that message!

**Book talks will be held from 11:00 – 12:00 every other Wednesday this trimester. The dates are:**

<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>Sept.29</b>	<b>Oct.13</b>	<b>Oct.27</b>	<b>Nov.10</b>	<b>Nov.23</b>
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Please email me at [ajuric@cacegypt.org](mailto:ajuric@cacegypt.org) to let me know which one(s) you'd like to attend, if any. You may attend as many as you like!

Parents are also encouraged to bring a healthy snack for the class to celebrate with afterwards, e.g. cut fruit, veggies, juices. No sodas or junk food please!

Promoting reading is perhaps THE biggest thing you can do for your child's education. Please let your example speak for itself by joining us!

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