



## ***MY OWN BOOK***

Greetings to Participating Teachers in the My Own Book Program

As you can see, the My Own Book Program is an amazing venture that generates tremendous enthusiasm from the children, teachers and volunteers alike. The prospect of receiving \$50 worth of books for a shopping spree at Barnes & Noble is a powerful motivating force for enhancing the children's interest in reading.

We have found that the program works best when the teachers are engaged and eager to prepare the kids for the trip. To that end, the following list sets out some of our requests for you to help make the program as special as it should be.

- Prepare name tags for each child.
- Review the concepts of:
  - Genres
  - Rounding, estimating so they can calculate when the purchased books reach \$50
  - Behavior in the bookstore
  - How to find a "Just Right" book
- Have the children prepare a list of the books they would like to purchase. The list should contain a variety of genres and authors. We encourage the student not to purchase more than two books from any one author.
- Dictionaries should be included if the child doesn't have a dictionary at home.
- If possible, please bring a few pocket calculators.
- If parents are invited on the trip, they should be advised that their role is to help the class – not just their child -- find books. In the interests of fairness to the other children, they should not provide extra money for their child to buy additional books over the \$50 limit.
- During the time the books are being cashed out by the bookstore staff, please read with the children while they wait to get their books back.
- At the follow-up visit which usually occurs 2 – 3 weeks after the bookstore visit, students should be prepared to talk about the books they have purchased

Thank you for your cooperation. We all look forward to working with you for an exciting day at the book store.