

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

 2016-17

Dear Families,

Building a love of reading is one of our top priorities this year. Research shows that making independent reading *more social* and *helping students find books that they are excited to read* are two important ways to engage our students as readers.

In class, we are using [Bookopolis.com](http://www.bookopolis.com), an online community for young readers, that helps ignite a love of reading by letting students connect with friends to share their favorite books. In Bookopolis, students can:

\***Create virtual bookshelves** of books they’ve read, are reading now, or want to read

\***Rate and review books** to practice opinion writing

\***Complete book reports** to practice comprehension and critical thinking

\***Track daily or weekly reading** in an online reading log

\***Connect with friends** to see what books they’ve read

\***Explore new book ideas** and reviews from curated lists and other Bookopolis readers

\***Earn points and badges** for their reading achievements

Your student already has a Bookopolis account that is connected to my teacher email. Students can log in to their account from any computer or tablet**.** All of the students in our class are connected as “Friends” on the site so they can see each other’s bookshelves and book reviews.

**If your student wants to connect with friends outside of our class, they can use the “invite a friend” feature and you will receive an email asking for approval for each invited friend.**

Bookopolis is a free site that is compliant with COPPA (child online safety standards.) The creator is a book club facilitator, Kari Riedel. Email her directly with any questions or suggestions you have about the site – kari@bookopolis.com.

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