

# Gift of Literacy

## Inspiring Young Readers Through Partnership

### **BOOK SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Gift of Literacy strives to put books in the hands of children, in classrooms and in the community. Our mission is to foster a love for reading and encourage literacy among young students; therefore, a wide variety of books should be included in the annual book collections.

The following checklist of criteria should be considered when selecting the Gift of Literacy annual book collections:

- All books should be picture books and hardbound.
- Overall, the collection must appeal to a diverse group of students. The collection should include:
  - Books that are well suited to read aloud.
  - Books that appeal to both genders.
  - An assortment of reading levels, ranging from easy to more advanced.
  - A variety of artistic styles and illustrations.
- Specifically, the collection should incorporate:
  - A non-fiction book.
  - A classic or award-winning book.
  - A multi-cultural book.
  - A book featuring a historical event or human character.
  - A Spanish – English bilingual book.
  - A rhyming or poetry book.
- These characteristics do not necessarily need to be exclusive to one book; multiple themes can be incorporated into one book or many.
- Preferably, the collection should include one book by an author who can attend the Gift of Literacy celebration.

### **BOOK SELECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Gift of Literacy has a book selection committee that coordinates the selection of all books used in the program. This team provides recommendations to the Gift of Literacy steering committee for final approval.