



# ST. PAUL SCHOOL

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Dear St. Paul Families,

In line with this year's CISVA theme of Proclaiming Our Faith, the Grade 4 class will be holding a book drive this April and we would greatly appreciate your support. One meaningful way we can live out the Gospel is by helping others and, through this initiative, the class hopes to share that spirit of generosity with children who may not have easy access to books. Reading opens doors to learning and confidence, and the class is excited to take part in helping other children experience the joy that books can bring.

The beneficiary of this book drive is **L.E.T.S.** (Learning English Through Stories) **Read**, a foundation based in the Philippines that encourages a love of reading among children, particularly those in underserved areas. Their mission is to help young people become lifelong learners through literacy. Beyond simply teaching children how to read, they hope to nurture a genuine enjoyment of reading. Through stories, children are able to explore new ideas, strengthen their language skills, and develop curiosity about the world around them.

L.E.T.S. Read partners with schools across the country that often do not have libraries and have very limited access to appropriate or engaging reading materials. In many of these schools, students share only a limited number of books, and sometimes classrooms have none at all. By collecting books here at St. Paul, we can help provide students with materials that spark their interest and encourage them to keep reading and learning. They welcome all kinds of children's books, but are especially in need of **storybooks, picture books, decodable readers, creative materials such as comics and magazines, and short, accessible novels for preteens and teens.**

If you would like to contribute, we kindly ask that books or reading materials be sent to school with your child or dropped off at the school office between **May 19<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup>**. Gently used books in good condition are very welcome. We would also like to request a **\$2 donation per child** to help cover the cost of shipping the books.

Your support will help place meaningful reading materials into the hands of children who need them most. Small acts of generosity can make a lasting difference, and we are grateful for the ways our school community continues to support one another and those beyond our community. Thank you for helping us share the joy of reading and the values of compassion and generosity.

Sincerely,

Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Santa Ana, and the Gr. 4 Class.