

READING MATTERS



Did you know research shows that having books at home results in children reading more often and for longer lengths of time?

1 IN 8

CHANCE OF CATCHING UP

Children who do not read on level by the end of Grade 3 only have a **1 in 8 chance** of ever catching up and are **4 times** more likely to drop out of school.

30 MILLION

FEWER WORDS

Economically disadvantaged children hear **30,000,000 fewer words** by age 3 than their more affluent peers. This is known as the "30 million word gap."

16%

FALL BELOW POVERTY LINE

16% of individuals in Hays County fall below the poverty line. This is **10% higher** than the average in Texas.

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BOOK

1 book is available for every **300 children** in low-income areas as compared to an average of **12 books** in the homes of their more affluent peers.

For the cost of a Whataburger Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit Combo

YOU can change a child's life!



5TH SUNDAY SERVE

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

WHAT

The difference a book can make in a child's life is incredible! Therefore, we want to empower our Mendez families through providing students with books.

For our Fifth Sunday Serve in November, Wayfinders will be sponsoring the first grade classrooms at Mendez Elementary. We hope to collect enough books so that **EVERY** first grader can take one home and begin building their own libraries. Check out our Amazon Wishlist to see what books we are collecting.

NOVEMBER 29TH

WHEN

Beginning NOW through November 29th, Wayfinders will be collecting books to donate to our first grade friends. Check out our list of Elephant and Piggie books to choose your favorite!

During the Fifth Sunday Serve, everyone will have the opportunity to help wrap the books and write notes of encouragement for the children. These books will then be given to the first grade teachers to send home with each child.

MENDEZ ELEMENTARY

WHERE

Books can be dropped off at Mendez Elementary during any service leading up to the 29th. Then, all are invited to join us at Mendez Elementary to wrap the books on the 29th!

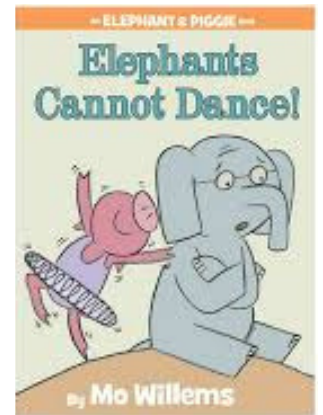
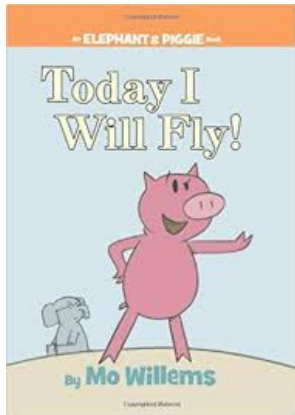
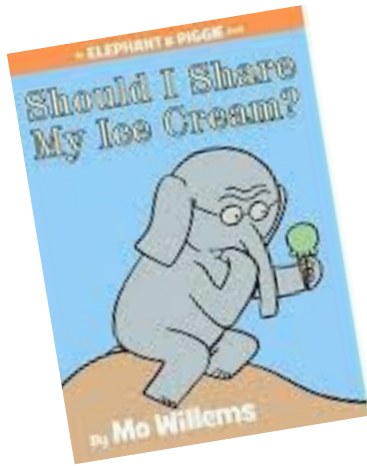
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Books can be purchased from Walmart or Amazon.com and dropped off during Sunday morning services leading up to November 29th OR directly ordered from our Amazon Wishlist and delivered to Pastor Michael.



- 1) Today I Will Fly
- 2) My Friend is Sad
- 3) There is a Bird on Your Head
- 4) I am Invited to a Party
- 5) I Love My New Toy
- 6) I Will Surprise My Friend!
- 7) Are You Ready to Play Outside?
- 8) Watch Me Throw the Ball
- 9) Elephants Cannot Dance
- 10) Pigs Make Me Sneeze
- 11) I Am Going!
- 12) Can I Play Too?
- 13) We Are in a Book
- 14) I Broke My Trunk
- 15) Should I Share My Ice Cream
- 16) Happy Pig Day
- 17) Listen to My Trumpet
- 18) Let's Go for a Drive
- 19) A Big Guy Took My Ball!
- 20) I Am A Frog!
- 21) My New Friend is so Much Fun!
- 22) Waiting Is Not Easy

