

Junior Great Books Reminder

Student's Name _____ Meeting Date _____

Title of next story: _____

Here's something to think about while reading this story: _____

Dear Parents,

Your child's next meeting for *Junior Great Books* is scheduled for the above date. To ensure a successful discussion, please be sure you and your child read the story together twice. Your child should bring the book and a sharing question with them to the meeting. It is highly recommended that parents help their child prepare for all discussions by reading the story to them or with them twice at home. Due to the rich language *Junior Great Books* is known for, your child may need guidance with vocabulary or unknown words or phrases. Parents can also help their children write down 1-2 "sharing questions" about the story to bring to the meeting.

Remember, in order to get the most out of each story, you and your child should read it through once entirely, then write a *sharing question* on one part of the story he/she found intriguing, confusing, interesting, etc. During the second reading, please help your child mark the text. *Text Markings* can include marking anything surprising (!), interesting ("wow"), unclear (?), or a connection to something in your child's life ("this reminds me of..."). Please encourage your child to record as many of his/her own thoughts in the margins during this second reading. These markings not only will help them recall their thoughts when discussing the story with their group, but they will also keep them actively reading and engaged in the text.

My Sharing Question:

(This can be *anything* you are curious about, or did not understand during the first reading.)
