

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The ability to read is essential to being able to learn any subject taught in school. Studies show the more children read, the better they read and the more pleasure they get out of reading.

Our goal is that your child develops a love of reading, along with good reading skills. After carefully reviewing and making enhancements to Baldwin County Schools' reading program over the past few years, we decided to discontinue the Accelerated Reader program. This year your child will begin participating in Baldwin County Schools' **25 Books Too Good to Miss** independent reading program. This program **25 Books Too Good to Miss**, is a reading motivation program with a goal to improve your child's reading skills by increasing self-esteem and confidence in reading and by fostering a love of independent reading.

The book categories on the **25 Books Too Good to Miss** card are appropriate for a wide-range of readers. The book selections are designed to encourage sustained reading and sharing of literature among teachers and students.

The program has four parts.

1. Students will read books of their choice within their Lexile level. These books may include books from the **25 Books Too Good to Miss** list.
2. Students will select and complete a post-reading activity from a variety of authentic activities available in the classroom.
3. Teachers will assess the post-reading activity to monitor student comprehension.
4. Students will be recognized for reading books from the **25 Books Too Good to Miss** categories.

The ultimate purpose of the **25 Books Too Good to Miss** program is to increase your child's reading skills, promote a love of reading and books, and to instill and nurture lifelong reading habits in your child.

Sincerely,

OAK HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**25 BOOKS  
TOO GOOD TO MISS**

ABOOK WITH A ONE-WORD TITLE	A Georgia Peach Award Nominee	A POETRY BOOK	ABOOK WITH A BLUE COVER	A BIOGRAPHY
THE SECOND BOOK IN A SERIES	A NEWBERY AWARD BOOK	ABOOK THAT SCARES YOU	A Georgia Peach Award Nominee	A BOOK THAT BECAME A MOVIE
A Georgia Peach Award Nominee	A GRAPHIC NOVEL	A BOOK WITH A MYSTERY	CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD BOOK	A BOOK OF NON FICTION
A BOOK OF SHORT STORIES	A BOOK BASED ON A TRUE STORY	A Georgia Peach Award Nominee	A FUNNY BOOK	A BOOK WITH NON-HUMAN CHARACTERS
ABOOK WITH A NUMBER IN THE TITLE	A BOOK THAT IS MORE THAN 10 YEARS OLD	A BEST SELLING BOOK	A BOOK BY A FEMALE AUTHOR	A Georgia Peach Award Nominee