

**Kids Who Read Succeed**

# **TEACHER'S MANUAL**

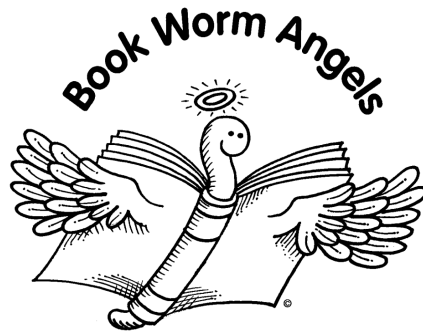
Questions?

Call (773) 332 8091

or

[www.bookwormangels.org](http://www.bookwormangels.org)

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## Introduction

Our mission is to provide schools such as yours with classroom lending libraries (7 -10 books per child) and, with your assistance, encourage the students to borrow and read the books for their enjoyment. Parents/caregivers are requested to support their child's reading at home by investing 20- 30 minutes a day reading to or with their child and providing a quiet place for reading.

This is a voluntary program on the part of the teachers and students. There is no penalty if books are lost or damaged. Since there will be some attrition due to normal usage and loss, we will give you more books annually.

The Teacher's Manual is a comprehensive guide to the program. It contains many ideas and suggestions. The BOOK WORM ANGELS program is adaptable. You can change it any way that will best meet the needs of YOUR classroom

A logo for older students has been created using the acronym for **BWA – Bright, Willing Able**. We suggest this logo be used in the upper grades. Feel free to use this logo on any of the materials provided. You can find the logo on page 12.

We want the program to be a success! If you have any questions or suggestions, we want to know about them! Feel free to contact Mindy Ferber, Associate Director, at (773) 332 8091, or Mike Ban, Executive Director, at (847) 471 2665.

# BOOK WORM ANGELS (BWA) PROGRAM

## Get Parents Involved:

- Send home a letter  
Each year the Principal or Lead Literary Teacher must send a letter to parents informing them of the Book Worm Angels program and encouraging their participation. The letter should make the following points: (See page 4 for sample letter.)
  1. Encourage your child to find 20-30 minutes a day to read.
  2. Help your child find a quiet place to read. Turn off the TV, CD player, radio.
  3. Sit with your child. Let your child read to you or you read to your child.
- Reinforce Program whenever you meet with parents  
The most successful programs are those that continuously enlist the interest and support of the parents. Announcing and promoting the program at parent's meetings, as well as report card pick up days helps to encourage participation.

## Create classroom lending libraries:

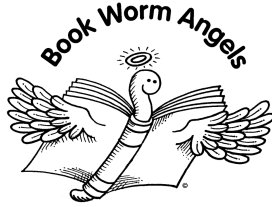
- Participating in the program is voluntary for teachers and students.
- There will be no penalty if occasionally a book is lost or damaged.
- Choose the books you feel are appropriate for your students, 7-10 books per student.
- Books should be kept in attractively labeled boxes, crates, or on a designated bookshelf easily accessible to the students. BWA labels are available to keep books separate from classroom books. The labels should be affixed to the spine of the book for easy identification.
- Use resources provided in this manual to encourage reading:
  1. Join the Reading Club Today Poster Page 5
  2. BWA Membership Cards Page 6
  3. BWA Reading Club Membership List Page 7  
(Can be enlarged to poster size)
  4. Reading Club Log Book Page 8
  5. Teacher's Book Check-Out Sheet Page 9
  6. Quiet ! I'm Reading! Sign Page 10  
(Can be copied on cardstock and folded in half)
  7. Students Reading Record Page 11
  8. Bright Willing Able Logo Page 12
  9. Book Reports:
    - Who are the characters in this book? Page 13
    - What is the book about? Page 14
    - What 3 things happened in this book? Page 15
    - Jot a Note Page 16
  10. My Important Reading This Week Page 17
  11. When is a Book Report Not a Book Report Page 18
  12. Quotes Page 18

## Help Improve Book Worm Angels:

- Respond to surveys

We need your feedback to make the program the best it can be for everyone

***Kids who read succeed!***



Dear Parent or Caregiver of \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**WELCOME TO BOOK WORM ANGELS**

I am writing to tell you about an exciting new program we have here at the school.

The Book Worm Angels is an organization that has given your child's teacher many books for a classroom library. These books will be fun for the children to read in school. . But even better, the children can borrow them to bring them home so you can read them together!

**Reading together is VERY important!**

Children who have people who read to them become better.

I'd like you to encourage your child to bring home these books to read together. It will be fun and helpful to your children.

**Your participation is VERY important!**

This is a voluntary program, but we hope you will encourage your child to join.

1. Encourage your child to find 20-30 minutes a day to read.
2. Help your child find a quiet place to read. Turn off the TV, CD player, radio.
3. Sit with your child. Let your child read to you or, you read to your child.

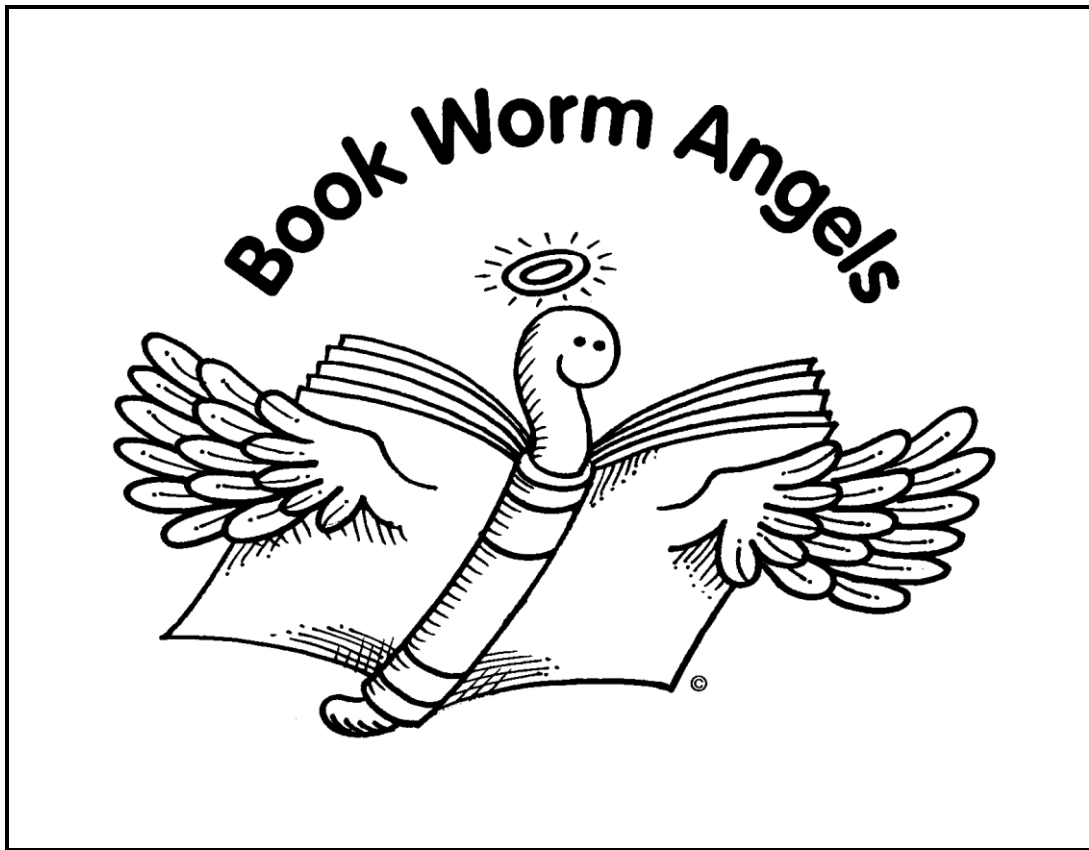
This is a free program, and there's no penalty if a book is lost or damaged. Of course, we'd like the books back in good condition so they can be enjoyed by others, but the important thing is that your child should read and enjoy the book.

I'm sure you'll be hearing more about Book Worm Angels. Please encourage your child to join this special reading program! It's free – it's fun – it's their future.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_Principal

\_\_\_\_\_School




**JOIN THE  
READING CLUB  
TODAY  
BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER**

**BOOK WORM ANGELS BOOK CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

1. MAKE COPIES OF THIS SHEET ON COLORED PAPER. 2. ENTER MEMBER NAMES. 3. SIGN EACH CARD.
4. LAMINATE THE SHEETS. 5. CUT APART. 6. PASS OUT TO STUDENTS.

**OFFICIAL MEMBER**

Book Worm Angels

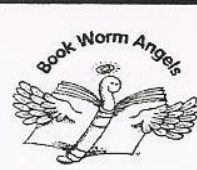


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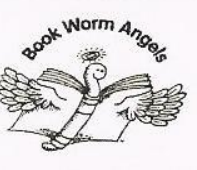


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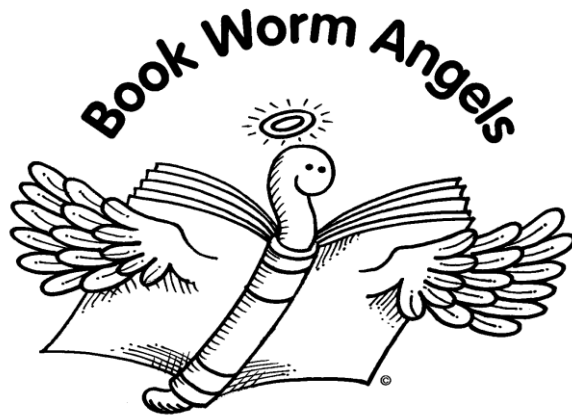
MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_



Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

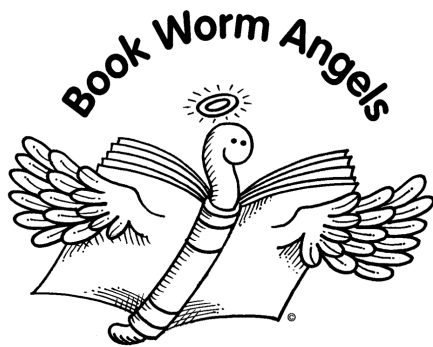


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# TEACHER'S BOOK CHECK-OUT SHEET

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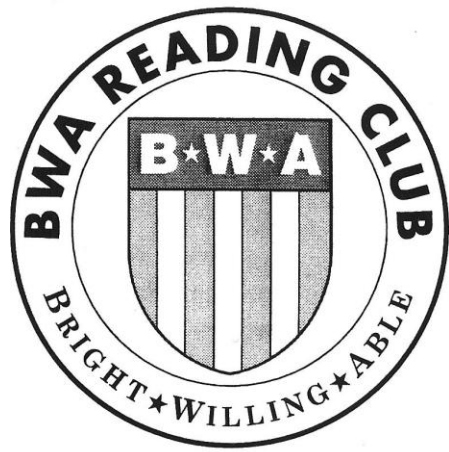
**QUIET!**

**I'M READING!**

# STUDENT READING RECORD

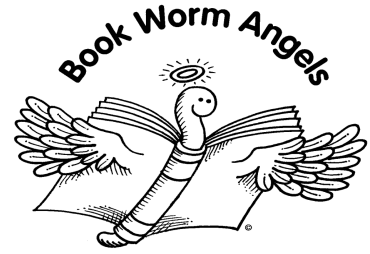
NAME \_\_\_\_\_

	DATE	TITLE OF BOOK	AUTHOR	PARENT'S SIGNATURE
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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read the story or have someone read the story to you. Have your parent sign below. Don't forget to return your books!



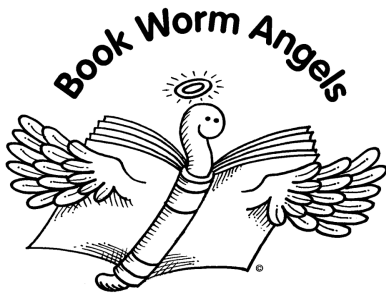
What is the title of the book? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the characters in this book?

Yes, my child read the book or someone read it to him.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**Read the story or have someone read the story to you. Have your parent sign below. Don't forget to return your books!**

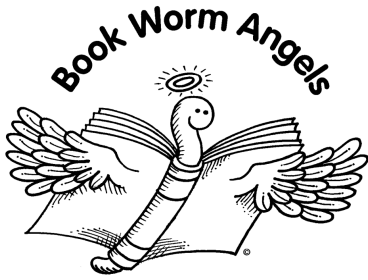
What is the title of the book? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the book about?

Yes, my child read the book or someone read it to him.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Read the story or have someone read the story to you. Have your parent sign below. Don't forget to return your books!

What is the title of the book? \_\_\_\_\_

Write about three things that happened in this book.

Yes, my child read the book or someone read it to him.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Jot A Note

Write a letter about the book you read.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I read a book called \_\_\_\_\_.

It was written by \_\_\_\_\_.

I think you would like the book because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My favorite part of the book is \_\_\_\_\_

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I hope you'll be able to read this book soon.

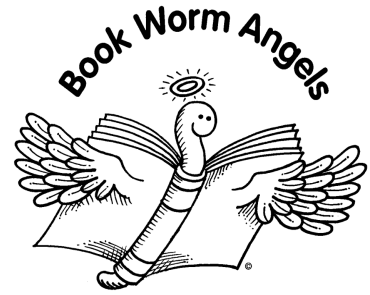
Your friend,

\_\_\_\_\_

P.S. I drew a picture about the book on the other side of this paper.

WEEK OF \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_



MY IMPORTANT READING THIS WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT I READ: (Title and Author)

IMPORTANT OR NEW WORDS:

IMPORTANT FACTS OR IDEAS:

WHAT I LIKED ABOUT THIS READING:

# When is a Book Report Not a Book Report?

When It's Fun!

## 91 Ways to Respond to a Book

<http://gretchenle.com/bookreports.html#anchor89424>

### READING QUOTES

*George Washington Carver once said, "There is nothing as enjoyable as reading." He was absolutely right!*

Reading: the greatest pleasure in life while we are young.

William Hazlitt

The whole object of reading is to develop the mind. The mind should be a thing that works.

Sherwood Anderson

I have never known any distress that an hour's reading did not relieve.

Montesquieu

Reading brings the youth and the great together. It helps your child realize his potential

Erich Fromm

Reading = Education = That which gives man his liberty.

Seneca

The children who read are those who succeed.

-J. Gartner, Principal