



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our class will be participating in Buzz's Book Busters Reading Program, which is an incentive driven reading program of the United Shore Professional Baseball League. The USPBL is entering its third baseball season at Jimmy John's Field in Downtown Utica this summer. The USPBL features four teams – the Eastside Diamond Hoppers, the Utica Unicorns, the Westside Woolly Mammoths, and the team representing our area – the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers. The Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers and their mascot, Buzz, are gearing up for another fun year of Buzz's Book Busters, which is designed to encourage students to read more. Your child will have the opportunity to improve his or her reading skills while earning a ticket to a baseball game at Jimmy John's Field!

Here's How It Works:

- Beginning Date: March 1, 2018
- End Date: March 31, 2018
- The program is divided into four segments, each segment represents a "base" on the baseball field. When a student completes a reading requirement, they will advance to the next base. The goal is to make it to home plate by "hitting a home run."
- Your child needs to complete the following reading assignment in order to advance to each base:

	1 st BASE	2 nd BASE	3 rd BASE	HOME
Grades K-2	5 books	5 books	5 books	10 books
Grade 3	100 pgs.	100 pgs.	100 pgs.	100 pgs.
Grades 4-5	125 pgs.	125 pgs.	125 pgs.	125 pgs.

- For each base your child has completed, have them record their reading accomplishment under the respective base on their *Verification Form*.
- After each segment, a parent/educator's signature is needed on the respective bases' verification slip to indicate completion. Please remove the slip and have your child return it to their teacher. Their progress will be recorded on a poster in their classroom.
- When your child has completed all four "bases" and met his/her reading goals, he/she will receive the *Online Ticket Order Directions* to redeem for a free ticket to a baseball game at Jimmy John's Field on a Buzz's Book Busters Reading Program game date. Additional tickets may also be ordered online at a discounted rate to attend with your child.

Thank you in advance for assisting your child in the completion of Buzz's Book Busters Reading Program.