

# ★ Dear Parents, ★

Our class wants to celebrate the holiday season by participating in a nationwide program called **The Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive**, which aims to help 20,000 children in need by providing them with brand-new pajamas and books.

The program is sponsored by Scholastic Book Clubs (you know them from the monthly flyer I send home with your child) and will benefit the Pajama Program ([www.pajamaprogram.org](http://www.pajamaprogram.org)), a nonprofit organization that provides over 100,000 pairs of pajamas and books to children in need every year, including those in group homes, shelters, foster care, and orphanages.

Scholastic Book Clubs is donating 20,000 books to the Pajama Program. But it's up to us, the classrooms of America, to donate the pajamas! The goal is to be able to match each of those 20,000 books with a brand-new pair of pajamas. Our classroom really wants to be a part of reaching that goal!

If your family is able to participate in **The Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive**, please have your child bring a new pair of pajamas to school by \_\_\_\_\_. Here are some simple guidelines for the pajamas:

- ★ **Pajamas are needed in every size**—from newborn to adult.
- ★ Pajamas must be donated in **complete sets** or **nightgowns**.
- ★ Pajamas must be **new** and **unused**.

Please be certain that any pajamas in children's sizes have been manufactured as pajamas so we know for certain they are flame-retardant and safe.

Thank you for helping us all learn more about how good it feels to share the gift of reading and how important it is to reach out to those in need.

**Happy Holidays!**

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TEACHER'S NAME

**P.S.** You can track nationwide pajama drive progress at [www.scholastic.com/pjdrive!](http://www.scholastic.com/pjdrive!)



*“Many of these youngsters have been abused or abandoned and in many cases, have never enjoyed the simple comfort of having a loving mother or father tuck them in at bedtime. Through the Pajama Program, we hope to contribute to a warmer, more loving environment for children when they are at their most vulnerable.”*

—**Genevieve Piturro**, Executive Director, Pajama Program