Dear Parent,

As part of our effort to provide your child with the instructional materials he or she needs, we’re writing to make sure you know about a great reading resource called **Bookshare** ([www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)). Through Bookshare, your child can get access to hundreds of thousands of accessible ebooks as well as assistive reading tools that help them to read and study independently. **Your child uses Bookshare at school, but did you know that your child can also get access to Bookshare at home for FREE?**

This will allow your child to access Bookshare’s vast collection anytime, anywhere he or she has internet access, and find books for school as well as mysteries, science fiction, adventures, biographies, and more.

Thanks to funding from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) at the U.S. Department of Education, Bookshare is free for all U.S. students with qualifying conditions such as dyslexia, visual impairments, and physical disabilities.

Up to this point, your child has been able to read only Bookshare books that have been shared with him/her by me or other teachers at school. But there is a way to give your child even more reading independence, and we recommend this step for your child.

To help your child get full access to Bookshare at home, have him/her log in to his/her school Bookshare account on a computer or tablet. Then, in the “My Bookshare” tab, in the left menu, select “Upgrade to an Individual Membership.” Follow the prompts, and complete the online form. After you’ve completed the form, your child will be able to log in with his/her new user name and password and search for and open books of his/her choice! You’ll find more information and a link to a video about this process at <https://www.bookshare.org/cms/help-center/how-can-my-student-upgrade-their-account-full-individual-membership>.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask me or contact Bookshare membership directly at [www.bookshare.org/contactUs](http://www.bookshare.org/contactUs).

Sincerely,

Teacher name