**Activity: Scholastic Bookfair!**

**My thoughts:**

As a child of a single parent with little interest in activities outside the home, I thought that for Simon, a trip to the school’s Scholastic Bookfair would be a great opportunity! I browsed the shelves for books that Simon would enjoy, and made a wish list like our students do, including books that Simon might like to purchase for home. I love the Bookfair. Our PTO sponsors the event twice a year, and each time there are lots of activities for the kids to do to interact with the theme and the stories. This year’s theme is “Book Oasis.” The activities are built around the books about animals, something Simon would love.

**Simon’s Perspective:**

The bookfair provides so many different kinds of books! I imagine that like his friends, Simon will spend most of his time checking out posters and various pencil/eraser trinkets, but his wish list includes lots of new books to take home. I like to think that Simon’s grandparents would be able to come to the bookfair and join him for grand-breakfast day, a day in which grandparents come and eat breakfast with students and then accompany them to the bookfair. Because it might be difficult for his mom to get off work, I hope that he would have a grandparent or other adult that could come with him then. On his wish list, there are new novels from the Wimpy Kid series that he enjoys, as well as some new books about dragons that he hasn’t yet read. He would like to pick up a new animal book for his collection, and there is one about deadly predators that has amazing up-close photographs. Finally, his friends may tease him a little, but he also put down a book about his favorite band, One Direction, because he likes their music.

**Student’s Perspective:**

The kids are really excited about the two new “I Survived” books at the bookfair. This is a pretty popular series for our students. When kids bring in their own money, they are likely to buy the non-book items like posters, pencils, erasers, etc. We have a great turnout from parents and grandparents, too. Each student fills out a wish list during library class, and they bring with them when they come back to purchase things. The kids always get really excited when they see the bookfair carts parked in the hallway the week prior. It’s a pretty popular event.