



Every family. Every school. Every night.

One District. One Book.

Every child, every parent, every teacher, every staff member will be reading the same book!

Our school is proud to once again be participating alongside the seven other elementary schools in our district in this unique opportunity for our students and families. Over the coming weeks, we will **ALL** be invited to participate in our annual "One District, One Book Experience".

- **What is it?** In short, all families and staff will be given a copy of the same book. A schedule will come home with the copy of the book on January 4. The calendar will guide your family as you read the book over the coming weeks. Daily events here at school will have students discussing the book, including but not limited to, a kick-off assembly, daily trivia, and classroom/school activities. We will also have special events and other ways for families to go beyond just reading the book! More information to come!
- **What does this mean for me as a parent?** Our school is asking that regardless if your child is a kindergartner or a fifth grader that **you read every word out loud as a family**. For a few short weeks we will ask you to make reading this book an extra special nightly event in your home.
- **Why?** Readtothem.org shares that, *"The benefits of reading aloud are remarkable! Studies have shown that reading to children helps them to listen better and longer, build better vocabularies, understand concepts better, feel positive about both books and learning, and more. When an entire school reads the same book, the buzz and excitement around the book being read increases these benefits, and there is the added joy of building community in the school family"* This is not to mention the added benefit of spending real quality time with your children while simultaneously promoting the benefits of reading and school!
- **The big question!** How can a fifth grader and kindergartner read the same book? The simple truth they can't all read it **but** if it is read to them, they can all enjoy a good story.
- **Visit our school's Website!** There is a special page on our website dedicated to this program. On this page, your family will find videos of each chapter being read aloud, all of the information that is being sent home, a few of the pictures we are collecting along the way, and much more!
- **Twitter** – Your family can follow along with updates, conversation starters, and some fun comments by following along on Twitter. Engage with our story at **@CVOneDistrict!**

