

Dear Parents:

This month our school will once again be embarking on a special project, an all school book club called One Book, Two Schools. Every child will receive a copy of the same book – Charlie Bumper vs. The Teacher of the Year – and are asked to read it at home over the next three weeks. We will then pass the books along to another school in Fairfield to enjoy! I am personally asking you to make the time so your family can participate in this special activity.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader. But it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With the One Book, Two Schools program, we aim to build a community of readers at our school. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, even administrative staff – will be participating, and we can all reap the many benefits.

One Book, Two Schools is a novel program in that children at all grade levels will all be listening to the same book. Strange or daring as that may seem, it actually makes sound educational sense. Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level. And we also believe that you can and should continue reading chapter books with your older children, even when they are able to read by themselves. We have selected a title that can be followed and understood and enjoyed by younger students, but that will still captivate and stimulate older children.

Please read the enclosed attachments for more information on how you and your family can participate. Daily trivia questions will be announced over the loud speaker. Correct entries will be placed into a weekly drawing for a chance to have me read to your child's class. We're asking for every student to bring their copy of the book to the Ice Cream Social (invitation enclosed) so that we may pass them along to another school.

Good luck! I hope to talk with both you and your student sometime this month about Charlie Bumper and the lessons he learns both at home and at school. "When a whole school reads a book, there's a lot to talk about." With your help, we can build a Community of Readers at our school.

Sincerely,

Kevin Chase
Principal