

Family Read-Together Schedule

Feb. 19-23	Chapters 1, 2 and 3
Feb. 24	Chapters 4 - 5
Feb. 25	Chapter 6
March 1	Chapter 7
March 2	Chapter 8
March 3	Chapter 9
March 4	Chapter 10
March 8	Chapters 11 - 12
March 9	Chapter 13

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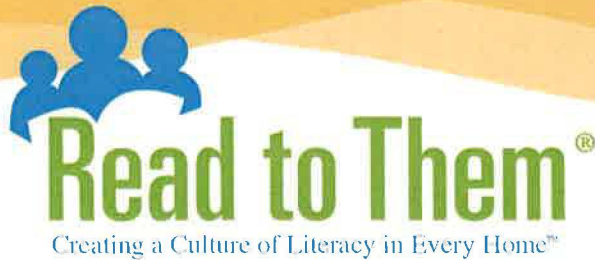
Listen to Zetta Elliott read chapters 1-3 on YouTube! Search “Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott” to find the video.



Please join Zetta Elliott and Ellsworth families on **March 9 at 6:30 PM** on Zoom for a Virtual Author Visit!

Zoom link will be available in the Eagle Express. See flier for additional information.

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school is about to take part in a special, communitywide shared reading event called One School, One Book. Every family will receive a copy of the same book – *Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliott – and will be asked to read it together at home over the next few weeks. I am personally asking you to make the time so that 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, and it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With this program, we aim to build a Community of Readers at our school. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, even administrative staff – will all be following along together.

Each family will receive a copy of *Dragons in a Bag* to read TOGETHER. Along with the book, you will receive a reading schedule so that you can keep up at home. Generally, you will be asked to read as a family for about 15 minutes each school day over the next few weeks.

Students will hear daily trivia questions and learn about the vocabulary in the story during morning announcements. You will soon find that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. During the next few weeks, everyone will be talking about *Dragons in a Bag*!

This is a novel program in that children of 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. 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 will still captivate and stimulate older children.

I know that you'll enjoy this special reading time with your children. I hope to talk with both you and your student sometime in the days to come about Jaxon and Ma and their big adventure. "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!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. DeGan

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MEET ZETTA ELLIOTT!

MARCH 9, 6:30 PM



On March 9, Zetta Elliott, author of *Dragons in a Bag*, will Zoom with all Ellsworth families for a **virtual author visit!**

A Zoom link will be sent in the Eagle Express so you can join the fun!

Let's celebrate the completion of our One School, One Book story by listening to Ms. Elliott read the final chapter to us as a community!

Ms. Elliott will talk to us about her childhood, books that have inspired her, and *Dragons in a Bag*! She will also take some time to answer our questions.