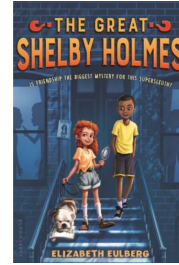


Ellsworth School Wide Book Club

The Great Shelby Holmes by Elizabeth Eulberg **April 14 - May 16**



Hello Ellsworth Families!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our *School Wide Book Club* program! This exciting reading tradition is embraced by schools in Naperville and across the country to bring communities together through a shared reading experience. Our goal is for every family at Ellsworth to enjoy the same book at the same time, starting Monday, April 14. This program is open to all students, parents, teachers, and staff—everyone is invited to participate!

Our Book: *The Great Shelby Holmes* by Elizabeth Eulberg

The Great Shelby Holmes is an engaging mystery novel and the first book in the Shelby Holmes series. The story follows Shelby Holmes, a brilliant, quirky, and socially unique nine-year-old detective solving mysteries in her Harlem neighborhood. Her new friend, John Watson, is adjusting to life in New York City after moving frequently due to his mother's career. When a local girl's beloved show dog goes missing, Shelby jumps on the case—dragging Watson along for the adventure. Together, they navigate friendship, problem-solving, and a little bit of chaos along the way!

Why Join In?

Thanks to the generosity of Ellsworth's Home & School, each family will receive a copy of *The Great Shelby Holmes* to read together. Reading aloud as a family strengthens literacy skills and creates meaningful bonding time. We encourage parents of younger students (K-2) to read the book aloud, while older students (3-5) can read it independently or take turns reading it aloud to a parent or younger sibling.

A New Approach This Year

We're trying something new! Instead of following a daily reading schedule, we will space out the reading over five weeks and follow a weekly schedule. This allows families more flexibility in how and when they enjoy the book together.

We can't wait to embark on this literary adventure as an Ellsworth community! Happy reading!

The Ellsworth Staff

How Does It Work? While each family reads at its own pace, the suggested reading schedule can be found below:

Program Week	Dates 2025	Suggested Chapters	Suggested Page Numbers
1	April 14-April 17	Chapters 1-6	Pages 1-49
2	April 21-April 25	Chapters 7-12	Pages 50-98
3	April 28- May 2	Chapters 13-18	Pages 99-148
4	May 5- May 9	Chapters 19-24	Pages 149-199
5	May 12-May 16	Chapters 25-30	Pages 200-243

During School

Students will be detectives! The school will have “hidden” clues throughout the school each week. The children will need to be on the lookout for these clues that relate to the story chapters they will be reading throughout the week. On Friday the class will gather together and share their findings. The class will discuss where they found the story clues and then discuss how each item relates to the chapters read.

Kane County Cougars Reading Program

We are excited to announce the Kane County Cougars Reading Program! This is a special reading incentive program sponsored by the Kane County Cougars, an independent minor league baseball team in Geneva, IL.

All families participating in the *School Wide Book Club* program by reading *The Great Shelby Holmes* automatically qualify for this opportunity. Students who choose to read the book will receive a **free ticket** to a Kane County Cougars game! To claim the ticket, a parent must complete and submit online through an email the yellow order form included in this newsletter.

Game Dates to Choose From:

May 17 at 6:30 PM

May 18 at 1:00 PM