



The 12th Annual One Book, Five Schools Literacy Event

Starting January 29, 2025, Family Literacy Day, families are invited to join a special literacy project. Families from 5 schools join together for this event - Horace Allen, Isabelle Sellon, Livingstone School, Canyon School and St. Michael's. Each family will receive a copy of the same book to read at home. Staff at the school will also read along. Teachers may plan various activities at school to complement the book, including a kick-off assembly to reveal the title. **Copies of the novel will be sent home with students Jan. 29—** with the youngest K-6 student in the family. Monday-Wednesday Kindergarten students who are the oldest in their family will receive their books 'underwraps' on Jan. 25th.

A reading schedule will be included in the book. No reading is scheduled for weekends, in case you need to catch up. **Parents are asked to read aloud at home to their children**, no matter what the ages of the children at home. This is valuable modelling and supports your child to be an effective reader*. This is also a fun family activity. Audio recordings following the reading schedule will also be available for you to enjoy and use as needed. At the end of the project, families may **keep their copy of the novel, or return it to the school** for a 'pay-it-forward' idea to pass on the books to other schools or individual classrooms.

Have fun! "When a whole school reads a book, there's a lot to talk about." With your help, this event will help build a Community of Readers at our school and in our area. We know you will enjoy our 1 Book, 5 Schools event!

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*What are some values of reading to children?

1. Oral Language: When you pause during book reading to talk about the story and what interests your child, you provide them with lots of opportunities to think and talk about the story, which builds comprehension and oral language.
2. Vocabulary: The more children understand the better their comprehension will be for reading. You can build your child's vocabulary by stressing new words, talking about what the word means and relating it to your child's experience.
3. Story Comprehension: Talking about the important parts of a story (for example, the characters, setting, problem, actions and resolution) makes it easier for your child to make sense of the story.
4. Print Knowledge: Learning about print helps children understand letters make sounds and that print represents spoken language.
5. Sound Awareness: To be prepared to read, children must understand that words can be broken down into smaller sounds, and that letters correspond to certain words. Sound awareness prepares your child for reading by making it easier for them to sound out words they read later on.