

# One School, One Book 2020

Dear New Prospect Families,

It is time for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual **One School, One Book** program at New Prospect Elementary! We will begin reading on November 30! Every child in the school will bring home the book and a reading calendar on Monday, November 30! The title is top secret until our kick off on Nov. 30!

The basic idea is that every family at New Prospect reads the same book at the same time. According to the developers of this program "the benefits of reading aloud are remarkable—studies have shown that reading to children helps them to listen better and longer, build bigger vocabularies, understand concepts better, feel positive about books, 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 how **One School, One Book** works:

- On Nov. 30, your child will receive a copy of the book with a reading calendar.
- Each evening you are invited to read aloud a designated chapter or chapters in the book to or with your child.
- The following day, the students will be given the opportunity to answer a trivia question about the previous night's reading, with daily winners receiving a prize.
- In addition to the nightly read-aloud, there will be several other fun activities to help unite the children around the book.

We hope that everyone enjoys the book this year! **Mark your calendars and be ready to start reading on November 30!** The leadership team, teachers and staff at New Prospect know that you will enjoy this special reading time with your children. With your help, we can build a community of readers throughout our school!

Thank you for all you do!

New Prospect Elementary Leadership Team