



One School, One Book... *The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies*

This month our school will be embarking on a special program, an all school book club, called One School, One Book. Every family will receive a copy of the same book - *The Lemonade War* - and will be asked to read it at home during the month of March. 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 School, One Book program, we aim to build a community of readers at our school. Everyone - students, parents, teachers, and even administrative staff will be participating in this wonderful educational experience!

We are asking families to...

- Set aside about 15- 20 minutes each evening for one month to read this book and other stories to or with your child
- Check the reading schedule and read aloud the assigned chapter for that day as a family or
- Listen as a family to the audio file of that chapter found on the One School, One Book webpage: www.mortononeschoolonebook.weebly.com
- Log reading minutes on the attached reading log (turn in weekly for prizes)

Additional Monthly Activities...

- **Partnerships with other classrooms and schools:** We are hopeful to share this experience with other schools around our state. We will also partner up different classrooms within our own school. Classrooms will be paired up and will have opportunities to discuss the book using a variety of electronic communication tools such as Skype, ePals, TodaysMeet, and blogs!
- **Daily Trivia Questions:** Students will have the chance to answer a trivia question about the book each day and will enter their names into a special classroom drawing. Correct responses could win a prize! Drawings will occur daily!
- **Spirit Days:**
 - 3/7 **Lemon Day** (wear your yellow clothes)
 - 3/14 **Beach Day** (wear your flip flops, hats and sunglasses)
 - 3/21 **Vocabulary Day** (dress up as your favorite vocabulary word)
 - 3/28 **Morton Spirit Day** (wear your Morton shirt/blue and white colors)

The goal is that each student will read at least 100 minutes each week. This will help us reach our school-wide goal of 100, 000 reading minutes! Good luck Morton Families!!! "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,
Miss Schmitt

