



Dear Reed Ranch Parent/Guardians:

This month our school will be embarking on a special project, an all school book club called One School, One Book. Every student will receive a copy of the same book - The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney - and will be asked to read it at home over the months of January to April. We are 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. Through our One School, One Book program, we aim to build a community of readers at our school. Everyone - students, parents, teachers, and support staff - will be participating, and we can all reap the many benefits. Your child received his/her copy of The World According to Humphrey today introducing the program and the book. On the back of this letter is a reading schedule so you can keep up at

home. You will be asked to read 1-2 chapters a week – about 15 minutes per night.

In school, your child will be invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive, aggressive listening. You will soon find that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. In class, there may be various activities which discuss or explore the book. You will want to make sure your family keeps up so your child can be included. Throughout the rest of the school year, everyone will be talking about Room 26 at Longfellow School!

One School, One Book is a novel program in that children at 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 that you can and should read material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level. And 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, understood, and enjoyed by younger students, but that will still captivate and stimulate older children.

Please enjoy this special time with your child(ren)! "When a whole school reads a book, there's a lot to talk about."

A special thank you to Ember Resources for their generous donation that was used to purchase these books!

With your help, we can build a Community of Readers at our school!

Sincerely,

The staff of Reed Ranch School



The World According to Humphrey Reading Schedule

Date	Chapter
January 17-20	1
January 24-27	2
February 1-4	3
February 7-10	4
February 14-17	5
February 28-March 3	6
March 7-10	7
March 14-17	8
March 21-24	9
March 28-31	10-11
April 4-7	12-13
April 11-14	14-15