

## **Dear Parents or Guardians,**

Watson Elementary is starting a whole school book club called One School, One Book. We will be reading *Charlotte's Web* together as a school for the month of April. Normally this would be a shared event both in school and at home. However, due to our circumstances we are still wanting to provide you with this book to read at home. If you want to follow along with the schedule attached and participate with the challenges that is awesome, if your at home reading looks a little different than what we planned no problem! Reading at home is always important and something that can help achieve some normalcy in this unprecedented time.

### **What is it?**

This program is a way to encourage children and families to enjoy reading together at home. In fact, the entire school staff will be reading along with you. It is an entirely voluntary activity but we hope all our families will participate.

### **What is going home today?**

Along with this notice, you should have a copy of our book choice, *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. There is also a reading schedule, and a list of activities that you can do if you want to enhance your reading experience.

### **What do you do?**

Read the book aloud together as a family. Ideally, we hope you can set aside about 15 minutes, 5 nights a week for the month of April to do so. We understand this might not always be possible. If you do fall behind we hope you can catch up on weekends or whenever works for you. We hope that the school can progress through the book at approximately the same pace.

### **And that's it?**

Indeed! There are no tests, no assignments, just the shared experience of reading a good book together.

### **Do we keep the book?**

Yes! Your copy is free and yours to keep, courtesy of the Watson Elementary PAC! Every family will be receiving a copy. If you happen to receive more than one copy by mistake, we kindly ask that you return the extra to back to the school. Thanks!

### **Other fun activities to go along with the reading!**

We love to celebrate reading! So we definitely have some fun activities planned for students to do beyond the reading, if they so wish to.

- Weekly challenges families can do to have fun with the book
- See if you can find a copy of the film *Charlotte's Web* to watch once you have finished the book

**Please see the reading schedule attached to this sheet. We hope everyone enjoys our One School, One Book reading club!**

**Weekly Challenges:**

**Week 1:** Take a selfie reading outside!

The setting for our book is on a farm, most of the events in the book take place outside. As the weather is warming up find a place to read out of doors for a little while (while safely practicing physical distancing of course!)

**Week 2:** Design your own *Charlotte's Web* bookmark!

Use the template on the bottom of this page to submit a design for our bookmark contest. It can be a favourite part of the book, all about one character, a collection of characters, the ideas are endless! Submissions will be accepted when we return. Winners will be printed and available in the library so hang on to your design!

**Week 3:** Make your own spider!

Spiders are a big deal. In this book and for our ecosystem! What have you learned about spiders this month? Can you get creative and make a spider yourself? Dig into the recycle bin and reuse! Maybe try your hand a cake decorating?

Want to learn more? Check out our online databases to learn more about spiders. Find World Book Online, National Geographic Kids and more!

Go to the district website (sd33.bc.ca) click on Parents and Students tab, under Resources click Elementary Online Library Resources. Use Username: 33student and Password online15 to access

**Week 4:** Take a picture reading to a spider!

If you find a web outside, or maybe have an unwanted house guest, or make your own! Take a picture showing our spider friends some love and sharing this special story with them.

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**Submission By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_