

#OneStatelinerStory

“When a whole school reads a book, there is a lot to talk about.”

We are pleased to kick off the *One Stateliner Story* program at Phillipsburg Elementary School: *Every Classroom. Every Student. Every Family.* The fundamental purpose of this event is to build a community of readers through a shared reading experience. Think of it as a really large book club! Every PES student will receive a copy of our carefully selected book that will address grade level standards, but most importantly, engage our learners in a creative, shared learning experience. The book selection is intended to be a rigorous *read aloud experience between an adult and child...* meaning that the book is intended to be above most children’s reading level, with a storyline that can be comprehended by the audience through their listening skills.

Research has shown that the read-aloud experience sharpens the imagination, creates healthy dialogue, and removes roadblocks to comprehension such as unfamiliar vocabulary and challenging words to decode. Most significantly, the journey of a lifetime can begin with the turning of a page. Children who learn to listen gain literacy skills that provide the basis for a lifetime of learning and productivity. When children listen, they learn about their own lives and the stories of others. A family member reading to their child can become a reading memory on which a child can build a lifelong love of reading.

The book selection will be revealed during school on Monday, September 16, 2019 and each child will receive their copy of the book to take home. A reading schedule will be sent home with the book and we encourage you to enjoy this special time with your child. At school each day, we will reinforce the previous night’s chapter by providing meaningful cross-curricular activities designed to enrich our students’ learning and their reading skills. Please read the chapters as assigned – but don’t let your child talk you into reading ahead!

Mark your calendar: A literacy celebration is being planned in the evening of Tuesday, October 22! Details to follow.

We look forward to sharing our love of reading with our students and their families.

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