

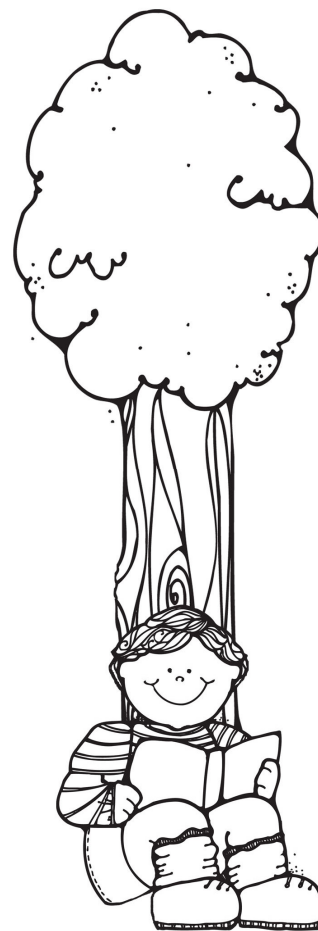
# March is Reading Month!

Dear Families,

It's time for March Reading Month! Actually, here at Bailey Lake every month is reading month, but during the month of March we like to promote the love of reading just for the fun of it. Last year we tried something new called "One School, One Book." The basic idea is that every family at Bailey Lake 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 both books and 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."

You can learn more about this exciting program at:  
<http://www.readtothem.org/index.php>. Be sure to click on the video clips, especially the one called "Cartoon Manifesto".

In a nutshell, here is how this works. Your family will receive a copy of the selected book. This year we selected a fun, playful book called The World According to Humphrey by Betty Birney. Each evening (Monday through Thursday) you are invited to read aloud a designated chapter in the book to/with your child/ren. The following day on Bulldog TV the students will be asked to answer a trivia question about the previous night's reading. In addition to the nightly read-aloud, there will be several other fun activities to help unite the children around the book. A calendar of assigned reading and activities will be sent home with a copy of the book. See the back of this sheet for additional activities that your family might want to try.



Watch for the book to come home in your child's backpack on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Reading!

The PTA Read to Me Committee