

Dear Staff,

This year for March Reading Month we are once again doing the One School, One Book project. 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". If any of you receive IRA's publication of *Reading Today*, you might want to check out the article on p. 44 of the January 2010—there is a feature article about this very program.

In a nutshell this program is designed to create a school-wide "buzz" about books and to encourage parents to read to/with their children at home. The book we have selected is *The World According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney. Each evening students will be asked to read one chapter from the book with their families and be prepared to answer a trivia question which will be posed on Bulldog TV the following morning. The books will be distributed on Monday, March 8th. The reading will begin that evening and the program will conclude on April 1st.

While this is mainly a parent involvement program, it is our hope that teachers and staff will help foster a spirit of enthusiasm around this school-wide reading experience this month. Below is a list of suggestions that you may choose to use at your discretion. Also attached is a copy of the calendar, letter, and activities that will be sent home to families.

Humphrey's Official Handlers

Have your class join the club Humphrey's Official Handlers at Betty Birney's website <http://www.bettybirney.com/humphreyville.html>.

Trivia Questions

Facilitate your class in answering the daily trivia question that will be read over the morning announcements on Tuesdays through Fridays beginning March 9th.

Humphrey's Wall of Fame

Collect any hamster pet photos brought in by students and send them to the media center.

Adventures of Humphrey Contest

Students who wish to participate will complete their pictures/stories at home. Please collect and place in the envelope provided. We will collect all entries on Friday, March 26th. Please encourage your students to participate in this contest. Prizes will be awarded (one per class) on April 1st. The winners will receive a stuffed hamster.

Humphrey Teacher's Guide

Attached is a teacher's guide with some multi-disciplinary activities that you may want to use in your classroom.

Thank you for your help and support! The PTA Read-to-Me Committee