



February 27, 2020

Dear Highland and Godwin School Parents/Guardians:

This month, Highland and Godwin Schools will once again launch an all-school book club called **One School, One Book**. Every family receives a copy of the same book; Cynthia Rylant's, *Gooseberry Park*— and reads it at home during the month of March. 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. With the **One School, One Book** program, we aim to build a community of readers at our school. Everyone – students, parents, teachers and administrative staff – will be participating, and we can all reap the many benefits.

Your child received a copy of *Gooseberry Park* at our kick off assembly assembly this morning, introducing the program and the book. With this letter and the book you will find a tailored reading schedule so you can keep up at home. You will be asked to read a chapter a night – approximately 15 minutes per night.

In school, your child will be invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive listening. You will soon find that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. Throughout the month of March, everyone will be talking about *Gooseberry Park*!

One School, One Book is a novel program in that children at all grade levels will be listening to the same book. Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level. We have selected a title that can be followed, understood and enjoyed by younger students, but that will still captivate and stimulate older children.

We are **very excited** to be partnering with Hubbard School in Ramsey. Each school has purchased half of the books needed for the program and **therefore it is essential that all of our books come back to Highland/Godwin School on Thursday, March, 26th 2020.**

Happy reading and we look forward to talking with both you and your child during the month as well as fostering a relationship with our Hubbard School partner in the coming months! **“When a whole school reads a book, there is a lot to talk about.”** With your help, we are truly building a community of readers at Highland/Godwin School!

Sincerely yours,

Danielle Bache, *Principal Godwin School*

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