

February 24th, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This week our district will be revisiting a special project together, our annual district-wide book club! Every student in elementary school will receive a copy of the same book and will be asked to read it together with their family at home and with their teachers at school over the next few weeks. This year our district will be reading a book titled, Upside Down Magic by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins. We are personally asking you to make time so that your family can participate in this special activity together.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader, and it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With this district-wide book club, we aim to build and expand our community of readers throughout our entire school district. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, and administrative staff - will literally all be on the same page.

Your child will receive a copy of Upside Down Magic on Monday, February 24th when the program will be introduced to the school. A schedule of the reading is included here so that students and their families can keep up at home. Generally, you will be asked to read one to two short chapters each night. A digital recording of each chapter read by teachers and administrators from across the district will also be available online for students to listen to. This is an invitation for your family to experience the pleasure of reading together!

In school, your child will be involved in various projects and activities focusing on many of the themes that are introduced in the book. You will soon find that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating details of the story. Throughout the months of February and March, everyone will be talking about Upside Down Magic and the magical adventures of Nory and her friends at Dunwiddle Magic School.

This district-wide book club is an amazing opportunity for our elementary school children of all grade levels to read and listen to the same book. Opportunities for families to read together help grow and expand a child's reading ability at any age. We know that you will enjoy this special time reading and talking with your child. With your help, we can build and grow a community of readers in our school district!

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READING SCHEDULE FOR UPSIDE DOWN MAGIC

by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Miracle, and Emily Jenkins

Feb. 24: Chapter 1 & 2

Feb 25: Chapter 3 & 4

Feb 26: Chapter 5

Feb 27: Chapter 6

Feb 28: Chapter 7

March 2: Chapter 8

March 3: Chapter 9

March 4: Chapter 10

March 5: Chapter 11

March 6: Chapter 12 & 13

March 9: Chapter 14

March 11: Chapter 15

March 12: Chapter 16

March 13: Chapter 17 & 18

Friday March 20th: Celebrate the end of the book at the HHH Community Library! Prestino's Magic Show, you read the book so now you can enjoy a classic magic show with lots of audience participation and humor! The show begins at 7:00 at Chestnut Hill.