



Rowayton Rocks Reading

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Rowayton Elementary is about to take part in a special, community-wide shared reading event. Every family will receive a copy of the same book and will be asked to read it together at home over the next few weeks. We are personally asking you to make the time so that 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, and it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With this program, we aim to build a Community of Readers at our school. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, even administrative staff – will all be following along together.

Your child will receive a copy of the book at a special schoolwide assembly on Friday, February 28th introducing the program and the book. Along with the book, you will receive a reading schedule so that you can keep up at home. Generally, you will be asked to read about 15 minutes each 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. In class, students will explore the book through activities and discussion. You will want to make sure your family keeps up so that your child can be included. Throughout the month, everyone will be talking about the book!

This is a novel program in that children of all grade levels will all be listening to their parents read the same book. Strange or daring as that may seem, it actually makes sound educational sense. Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level. We also believe that you can and should continue reading chapter books with your older children, even when they are able to read by themselves. We have selected a title that can be followed and understood and enjoyed by younger students, but will still captivate and stimulate older children.

We know that you'll enjoy this special reading time with your children. With your help, we can build a Community of Readers at our school.

– The Rowayton School Literacy Committee



Carta para familias hispano- Rowayton Rocks Reading

Estimados padres de familia:

Tengo el placer de invitarles a participar con su hijo en un proyecto especial **Rowayton Rocks Reading** (un club de lectura) que vamos a iniciar este semestre con todas las familias de nuestros estudiantes. Toda la comunidad escolar va a participar. Pedimos su colaboración y apoyo con la educación de su hijo.

El programa consiste en:

- Colaborar, todos unidos, en lograr la misma meta de avanzar el éxito académico
- Leer este libro con los compañeros y los padres según el mismo horario y contenido.
- Leer en la casa cada noche con los miembros de la familia.
- Participar en la escuela con los compañeros en las competencias y juegos diarios.
- Recibir una copia del libro--regalada e individual a cada estudiante, o en inglés o español..

El mundo de los libros y la lectura es esencial para el desarrollo y éxito académico, sea en inglés o español. Por medio de la conversación y la lectura, los niños aprenden. Por compartir las historias de su familia y leer el libro con su hijo, los padres le da un apoyo esencial al hijo. Sólo usted puede comunicarle bien quien es y de donde su familia ha venido.

Comentar la lectura ofrece una oportunidad. Usted puede apoyar los estudios de una forma fácil y de gran beneficio. Además, puede participar con su hijo en español, y es divertido.

Gracias.

Atentamente,
The Rowayton PTA & The Rowayton Literacy Committee