

Dear Ryerson Family:



Over the next three weeks, our school will be embarking on our annual, communitywide shared reading event called, ***One Author, One Ryerson***. This year we are switching it up a bit! Students in grades K-2 will all get an early chapter book and students in grades 3-5 will get a chapter book written by the same author, **Jaqueline Davies**. One book will be sent home with each student, and every family reads that book at home over the course of three weeks.

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 the ***One Author, One Ryerson*** 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.

Today, your child received a copy of *Sydney and Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World*. Along with the book, you received a reading schedule so that you can keep up at home. We have provided questions on the calendar to help guide the book discussion at home.

In school, your child will be invited to answer weekly 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 stories. 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 *Sydney and Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World*.

Should any family require a read-along, we have posted recordings of staff members reading each chapter of the book. You can find the recordings, along with other resources at <http://tinyurl.com/e2rv28mv> or scan the QR code.

With your help, we can build a Community of Readers at our school.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Foti, Mrs. Grillo, and Mrs. Halstater

