

Henry Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Beginning today our school will again be participating in an all-school book club called the **Henry Family Reading Project**. Every family is receiving a copy of the book, Nim's Island, by Wendy Orr. This is the third year we have held a family read aloud. We are personally asking you to take the time to sit and read with your family and enjoy this lovely book about an 11 year-old living on a desert island and the adventures she experiences with an interesting group of characters.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader. It provides an opportunity for discussion and communication. Most of all, it is a fun, worthwhile activity to do with your family. Our goal is to build a community of readers at school. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, and administrative staff will all be following along together. We have also included some very special neighborhood community leaders to join the fun!

The Henry PTO has generously provided each family with a copy of our shared book. The oldest child in each family will be given the book to take to their family. Along with the book, is a reading calendar so that you can keep up at home. A special link on the Henry Parents page is provided for audio recordings of the text reading, if needed. We just ask that you read with your family about 15 minutes on the scheduled nights. The chapters are short and engaging, so we anticipate this will be a special experience for your family.

We know that you'll enjoy this special reading time with your children. When a whole school reads a book, there's a lot to talk about. With your help, we can build a community of readers at our school.

Sincerely,

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