



Read Across America: Octorara K-6 Family Book Club

During the first week of March, schools across the United States celebrate Read Across America. This year our celebration is going to look different. Instead of only celebrating reading for a week and hosting a family literacy night, we are going to celebrate for the whole month of March! Instead of reading short individual stories, we will be reading The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. You can find more information about the book [here](#).

Here's what your family can expect if you choose to participate:

You will receive one copy of the book for your family to share. We want this to be a unifying experience, not only for individual family units, but also across our district.

- There will be video recordings posted for each chapter, read aloud by our K-6 staff members. Parents/guardians can choose to read aloud or follow along as a family with the staff video recordings.
- A suggested pacing guide will be given to families, along with items to discuss as we read "together". There are even some crafts and other fun activities we will provide for you to complete at home and at school.
- There will be opportunities for each participating student and family to provide feedback and responses to the book.
- Students will see bulletin boards in school that are reflective of the book and will be provided with options to use the book in classroom activities.

Students and families who choose not to participate will not be penalized in any way. This is a voluntary enrichment book club which we hope will bring your family together to celebrate the power of a story that takes readers on a new adventure.

If your student(s) and family would like to participate in our first ever OASD Elementary Family Book Club, please complete the survey **(BY FEB. 25)** found [HERE](#). We hope you will join us!!

Sincerely,

The K-6 Teachers, Staff, and Administrators