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Family Letter for *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies

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Dear Lighthouse Families,

Our school is about to take part in a special, school-wide reading event. Every family will receive a copy of the same book- *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies and will be asked to read it together at home over the next few weeks. This family activity has been a successful school-wide tradition for many years.

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 Lighthouse Elementary. Everyone- students, parents, teachers, and administrative staff, will be following along together.

Your child will receive a copy of *The Lemonade War* from their teacher, who will introduce the program and the book. Books will be sent home with the oldest or only child in the family. Along with the book, you will receive a reading calendar with additional at-home reading activities for March is Reading Month. Generally, you will be asked to read about 15 minutes each night as a family.

In school, your child will be invited to answer trivia questions throughout the week to encourage and reward attentive listening and participation. Students take pride in responding correctly and anticipate the details of the story. In class, students will explore the book through activities and discussions. Throughout the month, everyone will be talking about *The Lemonade War*!

We are excited to offer the same book to all families, paid for by our PTG through fundraisers and family donations. Reading professionals recommend reading out loud to enrich a child's vocabulary and comprehension of the text. Even when children can read by themselves, you should continue reading chapter books aloud with your child. We have selected a title that can be followed and understood and enjoyed by younger students but, will still captivate the imagination of older children.

I know that you will enjoy this special reading time with your child(ren). I hope to talk with students in the days to come about how Jessie wants to keep up with her older brother and her plans for selling lemonade in the waning days of summer. *The Lemonade War* provides an excellent opportunity to learn principles of economics and financial literacy and shares the witty, snarky personalities and experiences of the main characters- Jessie and Evan. When an entire school reads a book together, there is a lot to talk about. With your help, we can continue to create a community of readers here at Lighthouse Elementary!

Sherri Milton-Hoffman, Principal



March is Reading Month

Quench Your Thirst Read a

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	Friday	March 1 Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday tomorrow Chapter 1	Read a Jersey Day FRANTA FRANTA Chapter 6	Wear Your Favorite Green shirt today Chapter II	Read in ~ Pajama Day! Surprise Reward!!	nentary 2024
	Thursday	A STANSON OF THE PARTY OF THE P	Reading knocks your socks off ~ Wear fun socks today! Chapter 5	Read a Hat Day 14 Lighthouse Lakers Chapter 10	Spring is here! Enjoy a book outside!	Lighthouse Elementary 2024
	Wednesday	Reading Month Kick off: The Lemonade War	Shirt Day	AB or LHE Spirit Wear Day Chapter 9	AB or LHE Spirit Wear Day	the curchine over the curchine
	Tuesday	ol-wide s in	Wear Your Favorite Animal Print Day Chapter 3	12 Chapter 8	Wear Grade Level "All 19 in One" Shirt SUPER School-Wide Assembly ©	March 25 – 29 Spring Break! Keep reading while vou are enjoying the sunshing over break!
	Monday	Reading Goal: If students reach the school-wide goal of reading 5,000 books in March your class will receive a surprise reward!	Motivation Monday: Wear Positivity Project Shirt Book Fair & Quarter Wars Begin Chapter 2	Spring Photos Just say SCHEESE Chapter 7	Motivation Monday: Wear Positivity Project Shirt	March 25 – 29 Spring Break! K

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