

Brambleheart (2016) by Henry Cole

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This month our school will be embarking on a special project, an all-school book club called **One School, One Book™**. Every family will receive a copy of the same book- Henry Cole - *Brambleheart: A Story About Finding Treasure and the Unexpected Magic of Friendship* – and will be asked to read it together at home over the next few 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 School, One Book™** 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.

We will have a special kickoff presentation from the author to introduce the book that we will be reading, *Brambleheart: A Story About Finding Treasure and the Unexpected Magic of Friendship*. **Please see the form attached to order a family copy**. It is recommended that families use their nightly reading time to reread and discuss the previously read text from that day. Students will be invited to answer trivia questions at school 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 and at home, students will explore the book through discussion and activities. 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 *Brambleheart*!

One School, One Book™ is a novel program in that children of all grade levels will all be listening to their teacher and 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 captivate and stimulate older children. “When a whole school reads a book, there's a lot to talk about.”

The One School, One Book Committee,
Tami Bigger, Jenn Brace, Maura Roberts,
& Allison Ferguson (Innovative Teaching and Learning
Designer, Robious Elementary School)

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 22nd *Brambleheart* kick-off, Author visit/presentation

Feb. 1st Final due date for form

Feb. 5th Begin reading books in class

MORE FUN DATES TO FOLLOW

YES!!! I am excited to read *Brambleheart*

Please return form no later then **February 1, 2018.**

Child's name _____

Teacher's name _____

Siblings names and teacher names _____

Enclosed you will find \$ 5.00 for our “family copy” _____

Enclosed you will find extra money for a Robious family who may need a copy. _____

I have my own copy. _____

**** Only one copy is needed per family**

** All checks should be made payable to RES PTA.

Please return an envelope marked **PTA, One School One Book.