



**Letter Home to Families for
Fenway and Hattie
by Victoria Coe**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school is about to take part in a special project, an all-school book club called ***One School, One Book***. Every family will receive a copy of the same book—*Fenway and Hattie* by Victoria Coe—and will be asked to read it together at home over the next few weeks. Victoria Coe has written a series of Fenway books. I am personally asking you to make the time so that your family can participate in this special activity.

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 our school. Everyone—students, parents, teachers, and staff—will all be following along together.

Your child will receive a copy of *Fenway and Hattie* on Wednesday February 21, 2024. A special school-wide assembly introducing the program and the book will be on Wednesday February 21, 2024. Along with the book, you will receive a reading schedule so that you can keep up at home. Generally, you will be asked to read about 15 minutes each night.

Go to Sombra's website at <https://sombradelmonte.aps.edu/> and click on the "Our School" tab, then click on the One School One Book tab where you can find chapter recordings, trivia questions and more. Your child can answer daily 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 story. In class, students will explore the book through activities and discussion. 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 the book *Fenway and Hattie*!

This is a novel program in that children of all grade levels will be listening to the same book. Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level. We have selected a title that can be followed and understood and enjoyed by younger students, but will still captivate and stimulate older children.

I know that you'll enjoy this special reading time with your children. I hope to talk with both you and your student sometime in the days to come about Hattie's adventures with Fenway. "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.

Amanda Patterson - Sombra del Monte Principal