

One School, One Book
The Very, Very Far North
Begins tonight until February 10

What it is: One School, One Book is a way to encourage children and families to enjoy reading and discussing topics together at home. It's a voluntary activity, but we're hoping as many families as possible will take part to build our school community and our love for reading!

What you do: Read the book aloud together as a family. All we ask is that you try to set aside about 15-20 minutes on the nights posted in the schedule. If you miss a night, that's okay. Just catch up on the weekends or whenever it works for you. Ideally the whole school will progress through the book at the same rate so please don't read ahead!

About the book: *The Very, Very Far North* is written by a Vancouver author, Dan Bar-El. This book has been referred to as the "Winnie the Pooh of the North". Each chapter is a separate story of the adventures, mishaps and explorations that a friendly polar bear, Duane, goes on in the North. The vocabulary is quite advanced which makes it a great read aloud for families as you discuss what words mean throughout the story. The characters that Duane meets all have qualities that many of us can relate to and by the end of the book, maybe there is one that each of us feels we are most like. We hope this will be an enjoyable read for you all!

Do we keep the book? Yes! Your copy is free and yours to keep, courtesy of the PAC. Every family and staff member at Yarrow will be receiving a copy to enjoy.

Other fun activities to go along with the reading... There are some fun things that students may wish to do beyond the reading:

- **Answer trivia questions** for a chance to win books or new this year, book fair credits! - look on the Yarrow School website or PAC Facebook page each evening for the posted question and bring a slip in with your name and answer.
- If you'd rather, **listen to the audio read aloud** for each section posted on the website, try and guess who the reader is for each section!
- **Make your own dictionary** as we read through the book. There will be 3-5 words to define for each section which will be posted along with the question on the school website. If you complete the dictionary, you will be entered for our grand prize of a \$25 Chapters gift card and have a chance to win books and book fair credit.
- Bring in **donations for Polar Bears International**, to help protect polar bears and their habitat in the North. Class with the most will get a frozen treat!
- **Find pictures of Duane the Polar Bear** as he explores our school. Enter your sheet once you have found them all for chances to win prizes.
- **Draw your favorite character, event or setting** from the book at any time until February 9 and be entered in our drawing contest to win a \$20 Michael's gift card!
- **Write down some meaningful questions for the author** and have a chance to virtually meet Dan Bar-El for a question-and-answer session on Tuesday, February 15.

One last thing... Enjoy this book and take advantage of the time together as a family to discuss the meaning of words and events that take place. Even if your child can read this on their own, take the time to read it out loud together to get the most out of this school wide experience!