

Humphrey Returns!

April 28, 2014

Dear Families,

Maple Leaf School is participating in a special program called One Book/One School. Every child at Maple Leaf will be bringing home the book *Friendship According To Humphrey*, by Betty Birney (which is book #2 of the series). Last year students at Maple Leaf participated in this program and it was a huge success. Over 600 students, families, teachers and community members took part in reading the book.

Due to the success we will launch the One Book/One School program again this year. Our kick-off is this Friday, May 2, 2014. Over the next three weeks, our Maple Leaf families, teachers, staff, and even community members will be reading this book.

Join us as we follow the calendar which will outline each chapter that should be read with your child each night (**please do not read ahead**). We hope you will share this book with your entire family. Reading together helps children become better listeners, builds vocabulary, and creates positive feelings about books and best of all, its fun!

Beginning May 5, 2014 on the Garfield-Heights City School District website (garfieldheightscityschools.com) you can go to the Maple Leaf Link and find the tabs for your students to learn more about Humphrey and reading strategies you can use at home with your children. You will also find a link on our website entitled video, where you can watch & listen to a teacher, staff member or community member read each chapter of the book.

On Friday, May 23, 2014 we will conclude our program by hosting a “Friendship Day at The Leaf” activity. Students will have an opportunity to explore concepts from the book and make building friendships a priority!

Thanks to everyone for participating and making this a success.

Happy Reading!

