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September 19, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Kendall Elementary is once again embarking on a special project, an all school book club called One Book, One School, or OBOS for short. It's hoped that during the book fair, every family will preorder at least one copy of the book *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate. This book is set to be released on September 25. I was privileged to read an advanced reader's copy and know that this is the perfect book for us to read together as a community of readers during the month of January. A reading schedule and discussion points will be provided as we get closer to January. We'll have daily announcements and different activities to go along with our OBOS project.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares children to be effective reader. But it's also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With the One Book, One School program, our aim is to strengthen our community of readers. Everyone – parents, students, teachers, principal, even our office staff – will be participating, and we can all reap the many benefits of reading one book as one school.

One Book, One School is a novel program in that children at all grade levels will all be listening to the same book, and it makes sound educational sense. Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level. And 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, understood, and enjoyed by younger students, but will still captivate and stimulate older children.

For now, please follow this link to preorder a copy for your family. <https://bit.ly/KendallOBOS>. The books will be ordered through our book fair.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jenkins  
Your Librarian

