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Dear Parents:

In February our school will once again be participating in **One School, One Book**. (Last year we read *Mr. Popper's Penguins* together as a school.) One School, One Book is a novel program in that children at all grade levels will all be listening to the same book. This year every Ridge family will receive a copy of the same book – ***The Chocolate Touch*** by Patrick Skene Catling- and be asked to read it aloud at home during the month of February. I am personally asking you to make the time so your family can participate in this special activity.

The oldest child in your family will receive your family's copy of *The Chocolate Touch* **on Friday January 29** the same day we have a special assembly to kick it off. When you receive the book, you will get a reading schedule/book mark so you can keep up at home. Generally you will be asked to read about 30 pages each week – not too much. Staff members from throughout the school have also recorded each chapter in case your family would prefer to listen together. Just like last year, Ms. Eng, our librarian/media specialist, has created a website where you can find the recorded chapters and other interesting links related to *The Chocolate Touch*.

<https://sites.google.com/a/ridgewood.k12.nj.us/2016-ridge-s-one-school-one-book/>

Throughout the month of February, everyone in the Ridge community will be talking about *The Chocolate Touch*. In school, your child(ren) will be invited to answer trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive listening. In class there may be various activities to discuss or explore the book. You will want to make sure your family keeps up so your child(ren) can be included.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader, but it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. Thru the One School, One Book program (<http://readtothem.org>), we aim to foster our community of readers at Ridge. "When a whole school reads a book, there's a lot to talk about." Everyone - students, parents, teachers, and support staff - will be participating!

Good luck and have fun! I look forward to talking with both you and your child(ren) sometime next month about John Midas and his obsession with chocolate! We encourage you to take a photo of your family reading together and send it to school. We will post all of our reading photos on a bulletin board for all to enjoy!

Sincerely,

Jean Schoenlank  
Principal