

One Book One Community

Growing our community with one book



Please join WPES community in a shared reading of *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold. Mrs. L. Benkovich and Mrs. Baumgartner have teamed up again to help make reading a family activity. *A Boy Called Bat* is from the perspective of the main character, a nine-year-old boy on the spectrum. The theme is kindness, acceptance, and hope. It is our wish that you will join us in a community book club to read and discuss this heartwarming story, the first in the BAT series, with your immediate family and your WPES family, too. <http://elanakarnold.com/book/boy-called-bat/>

Summary: For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises—some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat’s mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter.

But the minute Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together. And he’s got one month to show his mom that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet.

Summary take from <http://www.unleashingreaders.com/?p=12505>

Review: “Written in third person, this engaging and insightful story makes readers intimately aware of what Bat is thinking and how he perceives the events and people in his life. With empathy and humor, Arnold delves into Bat’s relationships with his divorced parents, older sister, teachers, and classmates.”

— Publishers Weekly

How it works

Sign up using this Google form <https://goo.gl/forms/UTV0uFbvKYgdvRTtI> which will be open **until March 19** at that time books will be ordered and sent home with students along with the first reading assignment and discussion questions in mid-April. If books were purchased at the book fair in Feb./March just the assigned reading will be sent home with your student. Families read assigned pages and discuss the story, guiding questions will be provided. The next day at school your child will have the opportunity during morning announcements to answer a trivia question about the previous nights reading. You can then expect discussion questions to come home with students every other day. Also, assignment and questions will be posted to a closed Facebook group for you to view and like/comment as you see fit.

If you would like, long in to Facebook and request to be added to the **WPES, One Book One Community** group. (*This is optional and not required to enjoy this experience as a family*)

Thank you for showing your child that reading and discussing books can be fun *and* is important to building lifelong readers.

Please let us know if you have any questions: Mrs. Benkovich, benkovichl@rockton140.org and Mrs. Baumgartner, baumk@rockton140.org