For the next month, Mountville Elementary will be embarking on a special project, an all school book club called One Book, One School. Every child in our school has received a copy of the same book- Jacqueline Davies’ *The Lemonade War* and asked to read it at home from February 14- April 4.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader. Most importantly, it is a fun, worthwhile family activity. With the One Book. One School program, we aim to build a community of readers at our school. EVERYONE- students, parents, teacher, school staff, as well as community members will be participating. Please refer to the calendar for community events including a kickoff night and guest readers in various local establishments.

We are asking families to…
- Set aside about 15-20 minutes each evening for one month to read this book together and discuss the questions together.
- Check the reading schedule, and read aloud the assigned chapter for that day as a family.

We also understand that evenings are busy. Luckily there are ways to stay current on the reading each week by using our online recordings of various staff members reading chapters on Schoology. Please use this GROUP JOIN CODE to stay up to date on events, listen to chapters, and participate in polls, links, and discussions. Mrs. DeMaria will be helping students in grades 1-6 join the group as well. If you cannot access these recordings, they will be played before school in the cafeteria each Friday (Catch-Up-Club)!

**Group Code: SJ7R6-M9TJP**

In addition to family reading and community events, students will have the chance to participate in activities related to the chapters read in the book. Check the calendar for special dress days on Fridays as well as assemblies, guest readers, and trivia!

Mountville Elementary will have their own lemonade war. The goal is to fill the lemonade pitchers in the stairwell.
- Grades K-3 will be represented by PINK LEMONADE.
- Grades 4-6 will be represented by YELLOW LEMONADE.
- Each team is striving to earn 100 lemons to fill their pitcher.
- Lemons are earned by attendance at events, Penny Wars, wristband sales, curricular activities, trivia winners, dress day participation, and more.
- If a goal of 100 lemons is met, we will bring the author of *The Lemonade Wars*, Jacqueline Davies to Mountville Elementary.

Good luck, Mountville Families. With your help, we can build a Community of Readers at our school.

Remember... “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!”~Elbert Hubbard

Happy Reading!!
Chapter 1- Slump
- Why do you think Evan is avoiding Jessie?
- At the end of the chapter, Evan told Jessie he hated her. Do you think he really meant that?
- Have you ever said something to someone in your family you didn’t really mean? Why?

Chapter 2- Break-Up
- How are the words “break-up” important in this chapter?
- If you could choose one grade to skip, which one would it be? Why?
- How would you feel if you were in Evan’s shoes and had a younger sibling in your class? Is it fair of him to treat Jessie poorly?
- How would you feel if you were in Jessie’s shoes?

Chapter 3- Joint Venture
- Which characters are involved in a joint venture?
- Friends are people who make us feel happy. Is Scott a true friend of Evan’s? Why do you think he decided to have a lemonade stand with Scott instead of Jessie?
- Do Jessie and Evan have the same strengths? What are their strengths?
- What are the strengths of the members of your family?

Chapter 4- Partnership
(Chapter 1 and 3 were told in Evan’s point of view. Chapters 2 and 4 were told in Jessie’s point of view. This is a pattern that will continue throughout the story.)
- At the end of chapter 3, Evan thought that Jessie was boasting about the success of her lemonade stand. Because this chapter was told in Jessie’s point of view, we find out the true reason she smiled and waved the money. Was she boasting? What was Jessie hoping Evan would do?
- When you are trying to make sense of math, are you a number person or a picture person?

Chapter 5- Competition
- Have you ever felt competitive with someone you are close to, like a sibling or a good friend? What was the competition about? What did you do? How was it resolved?
- Evan is so angry with his sister he can barely stand it! Has Jessie consciously done anything to harm her brother?
- Even though Evan and Jessie are having a hard time with each other, they don’t want their mom to know. Can you explain why they are so careful not to show her they are quarreling? Have you ever felt like this?
- What is the real problem in this story? Is this the kind of problem that could happen in a lot of families?

Chapter 6- Underselling
- Up until now, Evan has been a great big brother to Jessie, especially when she experiences bullying at school.
- How has Evan supported Jessie?
- How does your family support you when you are having a problem?
Chapter 7 - Location, Location, Location
• Officer Ken told Evan, “I’ve got a little sister, too. Love her to death, now, but when we were kids.”. How do you think Officer Ken would have finished his sentence? If your parents grew up with a sibling, ask them to describe their relationship now and when they were Evan and Jessie’s age.
• Evan has a difficult time saving money. Are you a “saver” or a “spender”?

Chapter 8 - Going Global
• Write a “Compliment Card” to each of your family members. You might receive one back!
• How is the lemonade war becoming global?
• Jessie is donating her earnings to The Animal Rescue League. If you could donate money to an organization, which organization would you choose?

Chapter 9 - Negotiations
• In this chapter, we find out why Evan and Jessie are so close. If you have siblings, how do you support each other?
• Which character tried to negotiate with the other? Was it effective?
• Do you think Evan is regretting the lemonade war? Why?

Chapter 10 - Malicious Mischief
• The rules in the Treski house are that they can sleep in on Sunday if they want and you have to get permission to enter someone else’s room. What are the rules in your house? What rules would you like your family to have?
• What kind of “fireworks” is Jessie expecting?

Chapter 11 - A Total Loss
• Which character experience a total loss? Why?
• Who do you hope will win the war?

Chapter 12 - Waiting Period
• When returning from the beach, why was Jessie dreading seeing Evan?
• Are you still rooting for the same person to win? Why or why not?

Chapter 13 - Crisis Management
• At the end of the chapter, what does Evan suspect?

Chapter 14 - Reconciliation
• Do think Evan or Jessie won the war? Why?
• How do you think Jessie plans to get Megan’s money back?
• What lesson do you think Jessie and Evan learned for the lemonade war?
• What good things came out of the war?
• What is the author, Jacqueline Davies’ message in this story? (What can YOU learn from this story?)
• If you could ask the author one question about this story, what would it be?