

Dear Lincoln School Families,

This month our school will be embarking on a special project with all four elementary schools, participating in a book club called **One School, One Book™**. Every family will receive a copy of the same book – Elise Broach's *Masterpiece* – and will be asked to read it together at home over the next few weeks. We are personally asking you to make the time so that your family can participate in this special activity. We have selected a title that can be followed and understood and enjoyed by younger students, but will still captivate and stimulate older children.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader, and it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With the **One School, One Book™** program, we aim to build a Community of Readers at our school. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, even administrative staff will all be following along together.

We will kick off our family reading project at a special assembly on Wednesday, October 24th. Each Lincoln family will receive a copy of *Masterpiece* following the special school-wide assembly introducing the program and the book. Along with the book, you will receive a reading schedule so that you can keep up at home. Generally, you will be asked to read about 15 minutes each night.

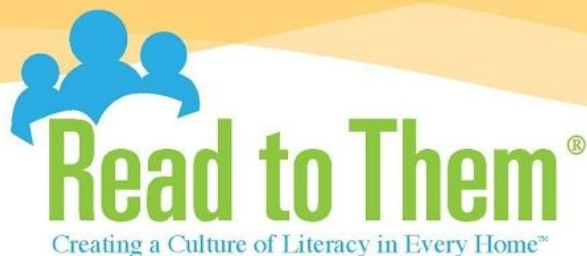
In school, your child will be invited to answer daily questions to encourage attentive listening and participation. We hope that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. In class, students will explore the book through activities and discussion. You will want to make sure your family keeps up so that your child can be included. Throughout the month, everyone will be talking about *Masterpiece*!

Don't forget to tell your other family members about this exciting adventure! The Morton Public Library is participating with us and will have a display dedicated to **One School, One Book** with many extra copies for grandparents, aunts, uncles, and community members to enjoy *Masterpiece* too!

We know that you'll enjoy this special reading time with your children. We hope to talk with both you and your student sometime this month about a beetle named Marvin, his unlikely friendship with a boy named James, and their mutual appreciation for the detailed drawings of Albrecht Dürer! "When a whole school reads a book, there's a lot to talk about." With your help, we can build a Community of Readers at our school.

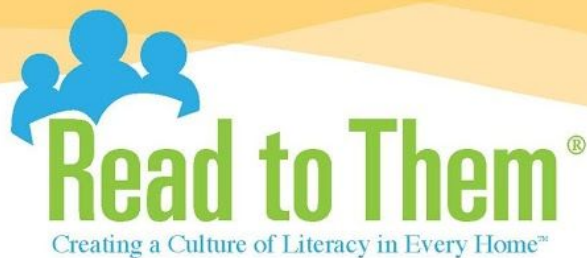
Thank you in advance for your participation!

Ms. Julie Albers
Principal
Lincoln Elementary School



**Reading Schedule for
Masterpiece
by Elise Broach (2008)**

Wed, Oct. 24	[pp. 1 – 13]	A Family Emergency Down the Drain
Thurs, Oct. 25	[pp. 14 – 25]	The Birthday Party
Fri., Oct. 26	[pp. 26 – 40]	A Present for James “It’s remarkable!”
	[pp. 41 – 54]	A New Kind of Trouble “It could be a Dürer.”
Mon, Oct. 29	[pp. 55 – 67]	The Temple of Art The Woman and the Lion
Tues, Oct. 30	[pp. 68 – 81]	The Woman and the Sword Left Behind
Thurs. Nov. 1	[pp. 82 – 95]	In Christina’s Office To Copy a Copy
Fri. Nov. 1	[pp. 96 – 107]	Stealing <i>Virtue</i>
	[pp. 108 – 120]	Hitching a Ride Too Risky
Mon, Nov. 5	[pp. 121 – 137]	In the Solarium Turtle-Beetle Battle



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Tues, Nov. 6	[pp. 138 – 155]	James's Problem The Art of the Fake
Wed, Nov. 7	[pp. 156 – 171]	More Than a Copy The Fight
Thurs, Nov. 8	[pp. 172 – 183]	A Perfect Crime
Fri, Nov. 9	[pp. 184 – 195]	Fate and <i>Fortitude</i> The Middleman
	[pp. 196 – 210]	The Secret Journey Hidden <i>Virtues</i> Among Thieves
Mon. Nov. 12	[pp. 211 – 228]	Hatching a Plan With the Help of a Friend
Tues. Nov. 13	[pp. 229 – 238]	Breaking and Entering A Revelation
Wed, Nov. 14	[pp. 239 – 252]	Trapped Reunion
Thurs. Nov 15	[pp. 253 – 271]	The Thief of <i>Virtue</i> Safe Returns
	[pp. 272 – 288]	James's Gift Masterpiece