

The One and Only Ivan

Auguston Traditional Elementary
Presents our second annual
One Book, One School
2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

April, 2024

Here at Auguston Traditional we value literacy and we are so excited to share our latest reading activity with you. The PAC has once again allowed us to use some of the Scholastic Book Fair funds to purchase EVERY FAMILY in our school a copy of the novel *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. We are eager to share this with you as we make 'One Book, One School' a yearly tradition here at Auguston! This book was written in 2012 and is a New York Times Bestseller as well as a Newberry Award winning story.

'One Book, One School' is a novel program in that children at all grade levels in our school will all be reading the same book at the same time. Strange or daring as that may seem, it makes sound educational sense. Reading material out loud allows children of any reading level to enjoy a story, even if they aren't yet able to independently read it. Exposing our students to chapter books at an early age also helps to develop a lifelong love of reading.

As part of this year's 'One Book, One School' program, your family will be asked to read a series of pages every weekday with your child. Don't worry – if weeknights are busy you can easily read multiple chunks in a day, catch up on the weekends or listen along as we post recordings of staff members reading each chapter aloud on our website. In *The One and Only Ivan*, the 'chapters' are often only 1-3 pages long and are easy to read – some of our students will even be old enough to read them out loud to you. The attached calendar will help you keep pace with the school as we all make our way through the book.

We will celebrate our shared reading with trivia questions, fun classroom chats about what's happening in the book and a fun filled wrap up celebration that includes a movie celebration and dress up day. We hope that students will all feel proud of their accomplishments in reading this entertaining book along with our whole school community!

Good luck! We hope that everyone enjoys *The One and Only Ivan* as they read along and that they will be talking about it with their friends and classmates. Thank you to our PAC for providing this opportunity to enjoy this wonderful story with our friends and many thanks to our families for following along and supporting us all to become a community of readers here at Auguston!

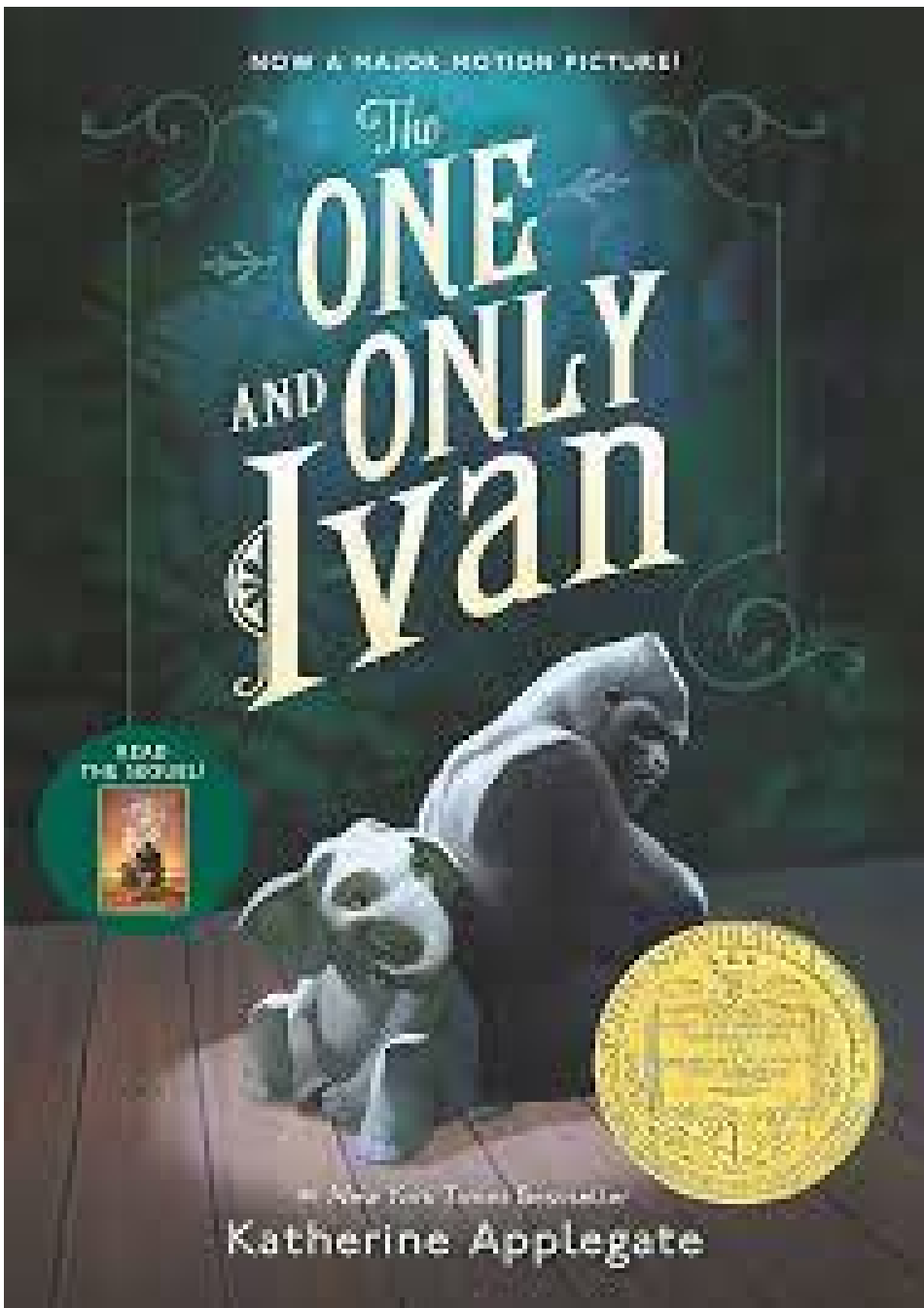
The Auguston Traditional Elementary School Staff



Reading Schedule: The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
April	15 We start!!! Pages 1-14	16 Pages 15-29	17 Pages 30-45	18 Pages 46-59	19 Pages 60-74	"I am too much gorilla and not enough human."
April / May	22 Pages 75-89	23 Pages 90-105	24 Pages 106-120	25 Pages 121-137	26 Pages 138-153	"Humans can surprise you sometimes. An unpredictable species, homo-sapiens."
May	29 Pages 154-169	30 Pages 170-187	1 Pages 188-203	2 Pages 204-220	3 Pages 221-237	"Growing up gorilla is just like any other kind of growing up."
May	6 Pages 238-253	7 Pages 254-272	8 Pages 273-287	9 Pages 288-300	10 We did it!!! Celebration Day!!!	"With enough time, you can get used to almost anything."

"It's never too late to be what you might have been." ~ George Eliot



About The One and Only Ivan:

(from goodreads.com)

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all.

Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line.

Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.

Katherine Applegate blends humor and poignancy to create Ivan's unforgettable first-person narration in a story of friendship, art, and hope.