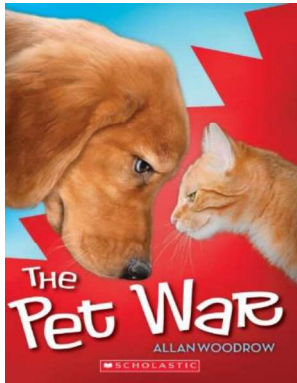


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Dear Greenville Elementary Families,

Greenville Elementary School is excited to announce our 2024 **One School, One Book** community reading event! **One School, One Book** is a national initiative to encourage children and their families to read together! Reading as a family can encourage children to become lifelong readers and thinkers and can strengthen communication skills and family bonds. This year's selection is **The Pet War** by Alan Woodrow.



Here's what **Scholastic** has to say about **The Pet War**:

*“The Pet War is a hilarious story about the timeless battles of dog vs. cat, brother vs. sister, know-it-all vs. know-nothing.*

*Eleven-year-old Otto wants a dog. His twelve-year-old perfect sister, Lexi, wants a cat. Their mother, who works very long hours as a nurse, wants neither. Pets are expensive, so who's going to pay for everything? And what happens to the pet when the siblings are at their dad's for the weekend?*

*Then Otto has an idea. What if he got a job and earned enough money to pay for the dog? Then Lexi has to open her big mouth. She proposes that whichever sibling can raise enough money first will decide which pet they get. Oddly enough, their mom and dad agree.*

*With Otto and Lexi each out to defeat the other, their business plans become more elaborate and involved. As the competition gets fiercer, the stakes get higher, and the battle lines have been drawn, so let the Pet War begin...”*

Today, the oldest child in your household will receive a copy of **The Pet Wars** for your family! Along with the book, you will receive a reading schedule so that you can regularly read with your children at home. Generally, you will be asked to read a chapter or two each night, which will take about 15 minutes. In the classrooms, students will participate in a variety of book-related activities which will connect with the daily family reading. Children who cannot read the book themselves may have the book read to them, or they will have the opportunity to listen to the story read by GES staff online by going to this link or by following the directions on the attached page: <https://pagreenvillees.schoolinsites.com/oneschoolonebook>

**One School, One Book** is such an exciting opportunity for your family and the entire Greenville community! Let's all snuggle up and enjoy this book together!

Happy Reading,

Your Greenville Elementary School Staff

