



Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School

"Brilliant Beginnings"

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BOOK of the MONTH

*"Reading allows us to see and understand the world
through the eyes of others."
-Chris Riddell*

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Dear Roosevelt Students, Teachers and Families,

As we all settle into this new school year, sharing books continues to be an important way we can connect and document our journey together as a collaborative learning community. We can celebrate our love of literacy in a special way each month by highlighting certain books that are meaningful to us and bring joy to our lives.

Each month, I will continue with the ritual of presenting every class with a beautiful, new book accompanied by a letter introducing and explaining why we chose the book. Sometimes I have the opportunity to read the book of the month live in every classroom, other times I share recordings of the reading and over the past year, we used ZOOM as a platform to read together as a school which was special too. Some months we even have guest readers! No matter how we share these stories each month, my hope is that our students develop connections with books and establish the habit of reading beyond the four walls of the classroom. These books will become part of the classroom libraries to be treasured throughout this year and for years to come.

Each September brings a variety of emotions. Students (and teachers) wonder what their class will be like and feel a bit nervous for the new year. A little or a lot of school spirit can help overcome those feelings. That's why I love our choice for September's Book of the Month, *I Got the School Spirit* by Connie Scholfield-Morrison. The theme of this book captures the idea that our school spirit is contagious and has a ripple effect. Embracing school spirit helps us find joy throughout the day. In Morrison's words, "The school spirit helps us all strive and grow." Here's to a "Brilliant Beginning" for all of our learners and lots of school spirit!

Happy reading!!

Sincerely,

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