

# Press Release



## ***The Next One Book, One District Project for Ponca City Schools is “The Indian in the Cupboard”***

Students of the Ponca City Public School District can't get enough of reading together. The district has rolled through nine One Book, One District selections in recent years, with plans for a tenth to begin February 22, 2018. Teri Vogeles, Associate Director of Curriculum, said, “Participating in OBOD has provided our schools and community with opportunities to reap the benefits of reading together. Through OBOD conversations about characters, themes, vocabulary, literacy, the value of reading aloud, and parental involvement is emphasized.”

During our OBOD events at each elementary site, educators work hard to engage parents and students from the beginning by decorating the building, organizing assemblies, implementing art projects, assigning creative writing assignments, and providing text dependent questioning to guarantee the entire district is buzzing with conversations about what the students have read along with family members the night before.

Each family at every elementary site in the PCPS district will receive a copy of the latest OBOD book, *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks along with a daily reading schedule. A schedule of daily reading assignments can also be found on the district's home website for parents and community members to refer to while reading about the adventures of Omri and his pint sized friend Little Bear. Omri and the warrior called Little Bear are very different, yet soon the two forge a very special friendship. Will Omri be able to keep Little Bear without anyone finding out and taking his precious friend from him? Read while Omri and Little Bear learn important lessons together about friendship, differences, and life.

The district encourages parents and community members to make a commitment to read the assigned chapters each night along with the students of The Ponca City Public School District because: **When everyone reads the same book at the same time there is a lot to talk about!**

At the conclusion of the reading of *The Indian in the Cupboard* students and families will be excited to know that this book is part of a series of five that include the future adventures of Omri and Little Bear. Series titles include: *The Return of the Indian*, *The Secret of the Indian*, *The Mystery of the Cupboard*, and *The Key to the Indian*.

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