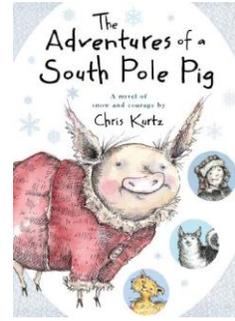


# Press Release

## ***One Book, One District/The Adventures of a South Pole Pig***



Students of the Ponca City Public School District can't get enough of reading together. The district has rolled through seven One Book, One District selections in recent years, with plans for an eighth to begin October 10, 2017. Teri Vogele, 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 books, characters, themes, vocabulary, literacy and the value of reading aloud 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 this fall's OBOD book, *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig* by Chris Kurtz 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 Flora the pig. Flora was born for adventure: "If it's unexplored and needs to get dug up, call me. I'm your pig," she says. The day Flora spots a team of sled dogs is the day she sets her heart on becoming a sled pig. Before she knows it, she's on board a ship to Antarctica for the most exhilarating—and dangerous—adventure of her life. This poignant novel of this purpose-driven pig is sure to become a favorite with any young readers who dare to dream big. So, strap on your snow boots and 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!**

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