

PAWS

POSITIVE ACTIONS WILL SHINE

DECEMBER 2012 READING CHALLENGE



Walk Away Message from One:
Sometimes it takes only one to make a difference.

Positive character traits from the story, One: acceptance, patience, confidence, leadership

Robust Vocabulary: regal, fuse, budge

If you enjoyed this story, we recommend: Only One You by Linda Kranz, Press Here by Hervé Tullet, and I'm Here by Peter H. Reynolds

Monthly Book Choice: One by Kathryn Otoshi

This is a great book with a powerful message on defending yourself against bullies. Whenever red and blue meet, Blue is picked on by Red: "Red is HOT. Blue is NOT." The other colors like Blue but are intimidated by Red so they say nothing, and soon Red is bossing everyone around. But then One comes. It is funny and brave and confronts Red: "If someone is mean and picks on me, I, for One, stand up and say, No." All the other colors follow One's lead and become numbers too. Yellow is two, Green, three, etc. Red begins to feel left out and tries to bully Blue and make him feel inferior, but Blue ignores him and changes to Six: "Red can be really HOT," he says, but Blue can be super COOL." The rest of the numbers stick up for Blue, but offer Red the opportunity to join in the counting, despite Red's bullying ways. Red is not ostracized but included in the game. The story ends with a valuable message that "Sometimes it just takes One" to make a difference.

Parents and Guardians,
One is a simple story which draws the reader to the hidden messages, such as the change of shapes and colors and the confidence Blue has to stand up for what is right. Here are some discussion questions to

ask your child about the book of the month:

1. Why didn't the other colors stand up against Red?
2. If you were one of the colors would you stand up against Red? If so, how?
3. What character are you most like? Why?
4. What was the message you learned from the story?

