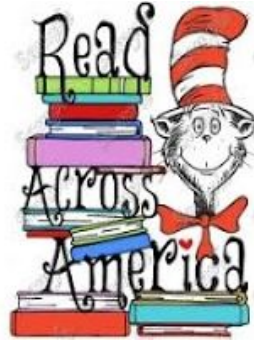


February 19, 2019



Dear Hillside Families:

This year, Hillside will participate in *Read Across America Week* by focusing on introducing different cultures and languages through name stories. One of the books that each class will read is *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal. In this book, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela thinks that six is way too many names! But, as she learns more about how her names connect her to her family, Alma becomes very proud of them all.

In preparation for reading this book, we would love for your children to interview family members to find out details about how and why they were given their names or acquired nicknames. Attached to this letter, you will find an interview sheet. Please help your child complete the interview sheet and return the sheet to school by Monday, **February 25th**.

Thank you for helping your child prepare for this activity, and we look forward to exploring how naming is part of larger cultural traditions and how name-giving practices vary from culture to culture!

Sincerely,
Hillside's *Read Across America Week* Committee

