

Dear Parents/Guardians,

According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, study of the events of the Holocaust addresses one of the central mandates of education in the United States, which is to examine what it means to be a responsible citizen. The Holocaust Trunk of Tolerance Project provides textual, visual, audio, and digital materials that when combined ensure students gain positive character development and a deeper understanding of the importance of good citizenship.

These trunks and materials are used as a supplement to curriculum already in place and to assist educators in fulfilling the state's directive to include Holocaust education in public schools. They follow the Standards of Excellence through the use of the Common Core.

The materials, lessons, and activities emphasize the importance of looking beyond the facts and statistics to examine personal testimonies and give this era of history a voice with significance outside the classroom.

Through teaching and studying the Holocaust as a class, we will examine the historical context as well as its moral and social importance in our society. This subject raises questions of justice and explores concepts of prejudice, discrimination, and racism.

By learning the lessons of the Holocaust, students acquire an improved understanding of the basic civil rights in a democracy. Students will also better understand their role in their local community, nation, and international community.

NOTE: Your child will *not* be exposed to graphic images or concepts beyond the student's maturity. Your child's classroom will provide a safe and positive setting.

In the next few weeks your child will be reading:

---

by \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate that your child has permission to read this book and/or use these resources:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_