

St. Anne's School
I Love to Read Month – Family Book Read
February 2019

BABE: The Gallant Pig



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When Babe arrives at Hogget Farm Mrs. Hogget's thoughts turn to sizzling bacon and juicy pork chops. But before long, Babe reveals a talent no one could have expected: he can handle Farmer Hogget's stubborn flock better than any sheepdog ever could! When Farmer Hogget enters Babe in the Grand Challenge Sheepdog Trials, everyone, including his wife, thinks he is a fool. But he believes in Babe. Now it's just up to Babe to convince everyone else to believe in a sheep-pig!

- Each family will receive one copy of the book at no charge. If you would like to purchase additional copies for \$7/each, please let the school office know by the end of the school day on Friday, February 1 (tomorrow).
- Weekly reading assignment with suggested discussion questions will be sent home in the HOG. Additional discussions and activities may take place in the classrooms as well. Watch for special school-wide weekly activities relating to the book as well.
- Throughout the month, students are encouraged to collect and bring in pennies to donate to the Fr. Thomas Diehl Endowment Fund. **Today, each family should guess what the weight of the piggy bank will be at the end of the month.** (One entry per family. Winner will be announced at Family Movie Night)
- Join us in the gym for a showing of the movie *Babe* at our 2nd Annual Family Movie Night on Wednesday, February 27 beginning at 6:15PM.

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Week 2: Feb. 7-13
Chapters 4-6

Vocabulary:

daft: silly; foolish

Discussion Questions:

- The animals don't think or speak kindly about other animals. Is there anyone you need to think or speak more kindly about?
- Why do you think Farmer Hogget took an interest in Babe? How did he know Babe was special?
- How did Babe learn more about sheep? How is that different from what Fly had told him?
- Is there someone or a group of people you could benefit from learning more about? Is there anyone who is in need that you/we can help in some way?
- How did Babe treat the sheep differently than Fly treated the sheep?

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. – Colossians 3:12