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Dear UES Families:

We are pleased to announce the UES Read it Forward program for the 2018-2019 school year! The UES *Read it Forward* program is designed to support character education, and bring our school community together around one book. Our selection for the next school year is *Fish in a Tree*, by Lynda Mullaly Hunt.

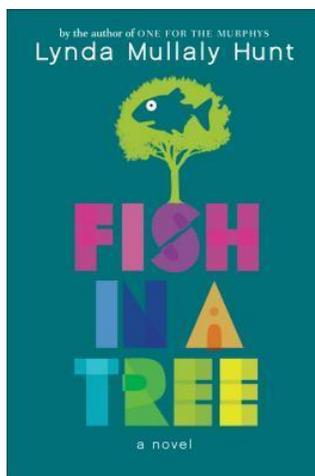
The themes from *Fish in a Tree* will serve as the cornerstone for discussions and lesson activities within our school days, will be referenced throughout the school year, and will provide positive conversation topics for children and their families. Our goal is for all participants to take the lessons learned from the book forward with them, hence the name of our program, Read it Forward.

The book is available in hardcover and paperback from various retailers. We discourage electronic copies as students are not permitted to bring electronic devices to school.

Our rising 5th and 6th grade students should read the book before the start of school. Our rising 4th grade students may read the book over the summer and will also read the book along with their classroom teachers during the first marking period. There will be no assessment on the book.

More information regarding Read It Forward activities will be provided in September. We hope you will share our enthusiasm for Read it Forward and join our Undeniably Excellent Staff and Students by reading and sharing *Fish in a Tree* with your child.

Best Regards,
UES Administration



Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities.