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On the Same Page

The Cerro Villa (CV) Middle School Vikings are all on the same page—literally. CV's students started their first school-wide read. All seventh- and eighth-grade students are reading the same novel during their 20-minute reading break in homeroom from March to May. Students are following the journey of Willow Chance, a 12-year-old genius, in *Counting By 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan.

By engaging students with a high-interest, age-appropriate text, we are encouraging them to participate in academic conversations on issues they can relate to while simultaneously infusing a variety of literacy practices. Teachers and students have been “marking the text” in their classrooms and will implement this strategy with the novel.

The author will visit the campus in May, providing incentive for students to make connections to the text and pose questions as they read and encouraging them to see the value of reading in our 21st-century society.

