



# ISLAND TREES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents:

We now begin our second read aloud this year. We loved reading *Read onto Otters* in September and discussing how to treat each other with kindness and respect. Our October selection is entitled, *Journey* by Aaron Becker. This is a true picture book. With no words to describe the journey, *Journey* follows the adventures of a young girl who escapes the boredom of home to find a magical realm – in which she can control her destiny with her imagination.

“A lonely girl draws a magic door on her bedroom wall and through it escapes into a world where wonder, adventure, and danger abound. Red marker in hand, she creates a boat, a balloon, and a flying carpet that carry her on a spectacular journey toward an uncertain destiny. When she is captured by a sinister emperor, only an act of tremendous courage and kindness can set her free. Can it also lead her home and to her heart’s desire? With supple line, luminous color, and nimble flights of fancy, author-illustrator Aaron Becker launches an ordinary child on an extraordinary journey toward her greatest and most exciting adventure of all.”



Follow this QR code to hear about the writer, Aaron Becker and his “journey” of illustrating a picture book.

We look forward to enjoying this imaginative book together as a school.

Sincerely,

Allison Ackerman