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**Get Ready for Cherry Creek Reads 2021**

What’s your story?

Find out during Cherry Creek Reads 2021, a districtwide celebration of reading, coming up March 8-12!

The theme for the week is “Read Together, Share Our Stories Together!” and is based on the inspirational book *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal. It’s a heartfelt story about a little girl who deepens her understanding of her own identity and her own story by learning about the power behind her name.

Just like Alma in the book, students, parents and families are encouraged to have fun dinner table discussions about the books each family member is reading, think about their own name stories and ask questions like, What does your name mean?  What does your name stand for?  What do you want to be known for?

Cherry Creek Schools students, parents, teachers, staff, friends and family members are encouraged to read for 67 minutes or more. That’s one minute of reading for every CCSD school. Students may also participate in a variety of special activities, from student-created podcasts, videos or posters telling their own name stories, messaging a favorite author or illustrator or schoolwide “Drop Everything and Read” time.

So, grab a book and join us for Cherry Creek Reads 2021!