

## PH Reads – ProjectLIT Family Book Club

On January 27, Peter Hobart Elementary in St. Louis Park, hosted the first, PH Reads – ProjectLIT Family Book Club. Approximately 30 readers participated.

Students along with a family member (or adult) read the book, *El Deafo* by CeCe Bell. *El Deafo* is a graphic novel about a young girl who experiences hearing loss at a young age. She wants to fit in and find a true friend. She also wants to be appreciated for what she can do instead of noticed for what she can't do.

The event included a presentation from Mimi Klane (District 287 Teacher of the Hard of Hearing), a discussion of graphic novels, and the opportunity to create a short graphic story using the app Pixton.

The conversation about the book was rich! It was evident that we all gained empathy for and an appreciation of different ways our deaf or hard of hearing community members navigate our school and the world.

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