

BOOK OF THE MONTH

January 2010

Dear Students, Teachers, and Parents:

Happy New Year to everyone! As January begins, we have the opportunity to approach a brand New Year with great optimism and enthusiasm. That is why the January Book of the Month, *Ish* by Peter H. Reynolds, is a perfect choice.

Ish is a small book that carries a big message and I am so happy to share it with all of you. In the story, after Ramon's older brother teases him about his artwork, Ramon loses his love for drawing until his younger sister teaches him an important lesson. She shows him that art does not have to be perfect, and even when a drawing of a vase doesn't look like a vase, it still looks "vase-ish".

This book is a wonderful way of reminding us that not everything needs to be perfect, and that even imperfect things can still be enjoyed. Many of us focus mainly about getting everything perfect that we neglect to see the real purpose of an activity. We worry so much about drawing a perfect dog or spelling every word perfectly that we sometimes miss the bigger picture.

Ish reminds us that imperfection can be a wonderful thing.

With love,

Ms. Brown
Principal

