



East Hills School

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Book of the Month

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Dear Students, Teachers & Parents,

This month is very special. During the month of March, we are celebrating PARP (Parents as Reading Partners). In order to kick off PARP the Roslyn school and district administrators as well as other special school visitors will be coming to visit each classroom and read this month's Book of the Month!

With that said, the March Book of the Month, "Mean Jean the Recess Queen", written by Alexis O'Neill, is a wonderful story about a playground bully named Mean Jean who told everyone what to and when to do it at recess. But when Katie Sue, a teeny girl too new to know she should be scared of Mean Jean, arrives at school, things change. Katie Sue kicks and swings and bounces before Mean Jean. When Mean Jean yells, Katie Sue talks back. And, as the schoolyard watches with bated breath, Katie Sue asks Mean Jean to play with her, something no one had ever dared to do before.

For the first time in her schoolyard career, Mean Jean the Recess Queen stops yelling and bossing and pushing and bullying, and just plays. She jumps and laughs and skips. She doesn't push or hammer or slammer. She's having too much fun with her new friend.

Not only does this brilliantly colored book show you about bullying, its effects, how to stop it, and the importance of mutual acceptance and respect, it is a beautiful example of the genre, Realistic Fiction, that our students have been experiencing during Writers' Workshop.

With love,

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