

BOOK OF THE MONTH

March 2010

Dear Students, Teachers, and Parents:

As with most stories, it is the emotions in the text which interest a reader most. The March Book of the Month, *Fox*, by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks is a brilliant narrative that explores an intense emotional drama of love, belonging, friendship, and loyalty. The text and illustrations work together seamlessly to evoke a powerful and lasting response in the reader.

Fox tells a story of a dog with no sight in one eye and a magpie without wings to fly. Together they become dependent on one another and become each other's missing senses. When a lonely fox enters the friendship, the atmosphere begins to change as their friendship is put to the ultimate test - the test of loyalty.

The unique thing about the story *Fox* is that the understanding and the meaning of the book can vary from reader to reader. *Fox* stands as a metaphor which each reader relates to differently. The book is unique because the illustrations help to tell the story providing a visual mix of color and illustration that enhance the storyline.

Like a rare gem, it is not in every book that you find a deep meaning, and not every book that leaves a lasting impression. *Fox* by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks is that rare gem.

I think that this book is of high quality and hope you join me in adding it to your list of favorites as well.

With love and friendship,

Ms. Brown
Principal

