



# East Hills School

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## BOOK OF THE MONTH

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Dear Students, Teachers, and Parents:

Welcome back to all of you! I hope you are looking forward to a year filled with learning, discovery, adventure, friendship, and yes, BOOKS! This year we will share a school-wide book of the month where each classroom library will be given the same book in order to begin to build a treasured collection. This is a wonderful way to bring the school together, and I am thrilled to be able to come and give you this monthly gift.

As we entered East Hills on the first day of school, it was so wonderful to see all of you welcome each other back and to hear you catching up on your summer vacation news. This also made me think about all of us that are brand new to East Hills and how some of us may be feeling excited and nervous at the same time, including me! As a result, it is only fitting to share with you the first book of the month, *The Brand New Kid* written by Katie Couric.

This book is a heartwarming story about tolerance and the need to give others a chance. In the story Ellie begins to wonder what it must be like to be a new kid, feeling so "different and strange," and she decides to take steps to get to know the brand new kid, Lazlo, even at the risk of facing her friends' ridicule. The message of this story is that it sometimes takes courage to reach out and make someone feel a little less scared and a little less lonely. I hope this book inspires all of you to reach out to one another so that everyone feels part of our East Hills family!

Enjoy our first book of the month. I look forward to getting to know each and everyone of you.

With love,

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