



# Harbor Hill School

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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents:

Happy New Year! The start of a new year provides us with the perfect opportunity for new beginnings, hopefulness, and optimism. It is my hope that all of the students come to Harbor Hill School happy, and ready to try their best.

My literacy gift to each class this month is the book, Hooray for Diffendoofer Day! written by Dr. Seuss with some help from Jack Prelutsky and Lane Smith. This book is about creative teaching and thinking. It is a tale that celebrates originality and differences. It introduces us to Dr. Seuss's message: "Learn to think and your mind will take you on journeys wild, wonderful and difendooferous."

Hooray for Diffendoofer Day! is a book written in rhyme about students who attend the Diffendoofer School, a school where creativity and critical thinking are nurtured just like at Harbor Hill. This book is told by a young boy who loves school. The Diffendoofer School is a happy place, full of energetic teachers and eager students. This school must prove it has taught its students how to think. Miss Bonkers, one of the teachers, assures the students that all will go well, and it does. When the test results confirm her belief, Diffendoofer Day is declared by the principal, and the children celebrate.

I want to encourage each of you to think about some of the wonderful things you enjoy about Harbor Hill. Think about new things you have learned, and fun lessons you have enjoyed. I would love to hear about your ideas and stories.

With love,

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