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Dear Students, Teachers, and Parents:

During the month of March, we say good-bye to the cold snowy days of winter, and prepare for the warmer days of spring. We start to see the welcoming signs of spring as flowers bloom, birds sing, and children play outside.

I know how much children love playing outside during recess. I believe that every child should participate in a safe and enjoyable recess program. This month's Book of the Month, The Recess Queen, is written by Alexis O'Neill. Mean Jean is the recess queen. No one dares to touch a ball, swing a bat, or slip down the slide until she says so. Then one day, Katie Sue shows up at school. When confronted by Mean Jean, instead of backing away, Katie Sue invites her to play. This transforms Mean Jean into a likable character at the end of the story, surrounded by friends on the blacktop rather than foes.

The pages in this book bounce with spunk and imagination. The students will enjoy listening to this book about a recess queen who bullied her way through the playground, and the new kid who teaches that bullying is unacceptable.

Yours truly,

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