



# Harbor Hill School

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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents:

Books are wonderful gifts that we can share together over and over again. I hope that everyone enjoyed reading and sharing September's book of the month, The Brand New Kid. As Ms. Liguori and I read this story in each classroom, we were amazed by the level of concern the students had toward Lazlo, the main character in the story, and the wonderful ideas they shared identifying ways to help Lazlo feel accepted at school.

October's book of the month, One of Those Days written by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, is a simple story that each of us can relate to in some way. Have you ever had a day when...

- your favorite pants shrunk in the wash?
- you were too short to go on the good rides?
- no one would listen to you?
- you were sad for no reason?
- you wanted to play outside but it started to rain?

Believe it or not, you are not alone. Everyone has one of those days. Some days are harder than others are and it is frustrating when things do not go exactly as planned. No matter how terrible you might think the day is at least there is a bright side—a brand new day is waiting for you tomorrow.

I hope you enjoy reading and discussing this month's book. As the students focus on writer's workshop, this book provides an excellent springboard for the students to write about "one of those days". Please feel free to share your comments and stories with me, as I would love to hear and read them.

With love,  
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